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Threats to rural industry over change in weather patterns, flood danger and hike in food prices too

THE GREEN fields of the Garden of England scorched brown, orchards dying out, flooding, soaring food prices and serious water shortages are some of the effects of climate change we could feel as early as next summer, environmentalists have warned.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

As world leaders meet in Copenhagen to continue discussions at the United Nations' Climate Change conference, the impact of failing to act on the land and farms on our doorstep has been hammered home.

And with long range weather forecasters predicted a long, dry summer next year, it could spell doom for those working on the land and in turn, the rural communities which make west Kent such an appealing place to live and work.

Steve Dawe is Green Party spokesman for Kent. He is also standing as the Green candidate in Tonbridge & Malling at the next General Election.

"The Met Office's long-term forecast is for a very dry summer next year," he explains "That is actually bad for us because we are a county with a significant amount of agriculture which will be affected. While it may be nice to be growing more vines, it will have an adverse affect on other types of crops.

"Next year there is a possibility we could have a summer like 2003, when I remember watching from a train the fields that would normally be green turn brown, which was quite creepy and more like something you would see in India prior to a monsoon."

He also warned food prices would rocket.

He said: "The bad news is that hotter, drier summers will impact on food prices."

A Kent spokeswoman for the National Farmers' Union (NFU) said: "The biggest fear for farmers is that climate change might mean wetter winters and drier summers, but also unpredictable weather and that is going to be our biggest problem."

She said warmer temperatures would bring problems with pests and diseases affecting both livestock and crops.

David Knight, a fruit farmer from Pembury, who grows apples, plums and

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Combat Barbie in fight for Miss World

IT'S judgement day for Corporal Katrina Hodge – the Tunbridge Wells beauty battling it out for the Miss World crown.

The 22-year-old, who grew up in the town, will go head-to-head with the 111 other contestants in South Africa this afternoon.

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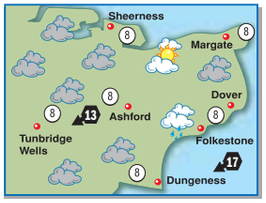

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Obesity figures for our schoolchildren hit worrying level

NEARLY one in five children starting secondary school are obese, according to the latest figures, ***writes James Benjamin***.

The NHS West Kent figures revealed 14 per cent of reception year children and 15.8 per cent of Year Six children in west Kent were overweight.

More worryingly, it revealed 9.6 per cent of reception year children and 17.6 per cent of Year Six children were obese.

It has prompted NHS West Kent to urge parents and children across the area to consider healthy lifestyle choices, such as increasing physical activity.

The figures are the results of the 2008-09 National Child Measurement Programme which records the health of children in reception and Year Six.

However, the figures have come under fire from many by using the sometimes controversial BMI – body mass index – as its guide.

It calculates a reading by using height and weight.

In a number of cases, fit and healthy children have been judged overweight or obese.

Dr Declan O'Neill, NHS West Kent's director of health improvement said: "These results emphasise the need for parents and children to think very carefully about their lifestyle and consider making the small steps that can make a big difference to health and quality of life.

"Being very overweight can lead to diseases like cancer, type 2 diabetes and heart disease in later life, and some of these can begin in childhood."

However, in order to help combat the figures, NHS West Kent will be launching a revised healthy weight strategy in the new year.

One of the initiatives under way involves 34 schools involved in the Let's Get Cooking scheme which aims to promote healthy lifestyles.

Among those taking part is Wilderness School in Sevenoaks.

Let's Get Cooking provides helpful resources such as training for club coordinators and free activity packs every school term to inspire new ideas and tips for cooking activities including `school events such as parents' evenings and sports days.

Liz, McAvan, west Kent healthy school co-ordinator said: "By working with our borough council partners on a range of projects, we expect to increase the impact of our work beyond the school gates.

"Schools have also made great progress in building pupils' confidence, skills and understanding around healthy food choices.

"Many schools are now ensuring pupils have opportunities to learn about a balanced diet, the need for reducing salt, sugar and fat."

'Only the protections around town centre are holding back Tonbridge from flooding'

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cherries, said: "Frosts certainly help keep off the bugs. Climate change will clearly have a big effect because if there is not much rainfall in the summer that will have a serious effect unless people have irrigation systems and most people do not."

Speaking to this newspaper this week, Richard Knox-Johnson, chairman of Protect Kent – the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England – also warned wetter winters could spell trouble too.

He said: "Yes, we will have to deal with coastal flooding, but there is also river flooding and there are quite a few in the west.

"The River Medway, which runs through Tonbridge, being one of them.

"One of the knock-on effects of the flash rain storms and flash floods is that more and more there is going to be river flooding, which will be a major challenge."

Mr Dawe said Tonbridge and villages which have housing near the banks of the River Medway, were at particular risk of flooding.

He said: "As we've seen this November, which was the wettest in history, in line with climate predictions we will have wetter winters rather than cold ones and drier summers.

"The reason for this is higher temperatures globally and more moisture in the atmosphere, which means more potential for rainfall and extreme weather events, which have increased over the last 25 years.

"Since 2000, there has been quite a lot of flooding in the UK. The Medway is protected by the flood barrier, but the whole of the Tonbridge sports field has still flooded.

"It is only the protections around the town centre holding back the whole of Tonbridge from flooding."

But he warned that if we have exceptionally wet periods, like this November, continuing for longer, there was a risk of straining that flood protection.

Embrace

Global warming will also impact on the fruit farms that dominate the west Kent countryside, he said, if we no longer have the frosty winters needed for the fruit to germinate.

He added: "If we do nothing and emissions are not cut back quite quickly, summers [like 2003] will gradually more common and eventually the norm."

Protect Kent's Mr Knox-Johnson said that the increased water in the winter would not translate into more water generally.

He said Copenhagen needed to continue the momentum on tackling climate change and lead to a binding deal being signed by world leaders within the next year.

He said: "The extreme floods which devastated the Lake District in the last few weeks have happened to Kent in autumn 2000 and 2001, and will happen again.

"We can ignore what is going on, at our peril, or we can embrace change and move forward. Britain led the world with the first Industrial Revolution more than 200 years ago. It is time for us to step up to the plate again."

The East Malling agricultural research centre has found that a reduction in low temperatures during the winter has already affected perennial crops with many, including hops and blackberries, producing lower yields since the 1990s.

Since the 90s the centre found that in Kent the amount of winter chill had declined by 12 per cent and spring frost had halved.

The UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen concludes on Friday.

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Doing her duty

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**
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IT'S judgement day for Corporal Katrina Hodge today as she flies the flag for England in the final of the Miss World contest.

She lines up alongside more than 100 beauty queens from around the world at tonight's glitzy final in Johannesburg, South Africa.

And although bookmakers put the Tunbridge Wells soldier – dubbed Combat Barbie by her Army colleagues – as a 50-1 outsider, her mother still believes she could pull off a shock.

Ann Hodge, who lives in Tunbridge Wells, said: "I think she can win it, she is very confident and outgoing, so she has to have a chance. I will be thinking of her and keeping my fingers crossed.

"It has been like a whirlwind since she found out she would be going to Miss World. Her feet have not touched the ground."

The recently promoted non-commissioned officer, 22, came runner-up in the Miss England contest earlier this year.

But the winner Rachel Christie, 21, the niece of former sprint champion Linford Christie, decided to relinquish her title following a highly publicised spat with another woman in a Manchester nightclub.

This propelled Cpl Hodge into the limelight as the new Miss England.

She has been given five weeks leave from her duties by Army chiefs to represent her country in the Miss World contest, and jetted off to South Africa for weeks of pre-event build-up last month.

Her mother, Mrs Hodge, 54, added: "I am really proud of her. She is doing a very responsible job and making a success of her modelling as well.

"She never ceases to surprise me, I never know what she is going to do next, but she is an incredible person."

After attending St John's Primary School in Cunningham Road, Tunbridge Wells, she went to Hillview School, Tonbridge.

Aged 16 she went to the Brits School of Performing Arts in Croydon, south London, to pursue her passion of musical theatre.

But just a year later she left the Brits school, aged 17 and four months, to join the Army.

Her military service has seen her given a bravery award by her unit in the Royal Anglian Regiment for her actions during a posting in Basra, Iraq. This earned her the nickname Combat Barbie from fellow troopers.

Cpl Hodge had been due to be sent out to Afghanistan with her unit, but now plans to return to the frontline with her comrades after stepping down as Miss England next July.

• ***Coverage of Miss World is on digital TV on the Travel Channel from 3pm this afternoon.***

VERSATILE: Corporal Katrina Hodge is representing England in Miss World today

Pan's up and flying

AFTER all the hype, Tunbridge Wells' panto finally launches today as Peter Pan soars into life.

The eagerly anticipated production at the Assembly Hall starts its run today and concludes on January 3.

Star of the show is Ray Meagher – Alf from long-running Australian soap Home and Away.

Tickets are still available for certain shows – booking online entitles buyers to a 30 per cent discount. For more details, see www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

Cashing in on Heist

A PAPERBACK book outlining the story behind Britain's biggest ever robbery is published this week.

Welling writer Howard Sounes spent three years researching for the book Heist – which promises to delve into the murky criminal underworld surrounding the £53 million robbery in Tonbridge in February 2006.

Heist: The True Story of the World's Biggest Cash Robbery, is available now, priced £7.99.

It is published by Simon & Schuster.

CPS role for Fuller

CHIEF Constable Michael Fuller could be leaving Kent Police to become Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr Fuller has been selected by the Attorney General as her preferred candidate for the job.

The Justice Select Committee of MPs will consider his appointment next month.

Mr Fuller said: "I am delighted to have led Kent Police for the last six years and would like to thank the people of Kent for their support."

• ***See tomorrow's paper for the full story.***

Expenses revealed

LATEST MP expenses details have been published – but what did our politicians claim for?

We run through the latest revelations for Tunbridge Wells' Greg Clark, Sevenoaks' Michael Fallon and Tonbridge's Sir John Stanley, in our Sunday edition.

• ***For the full story don't miss tomorrow's paper.***

Usual reduction in train services over Christmas

DETAILS of train services over the Christmas period have been unveiled.

Commuters and party-goers will face the normal reduction in services over the key public holidays, although regular services will continue.

From Monday to Wednesday, December 21-23 the normal weekday services will run as they will on Christmas Eve until 10pm.

There will be additional afternoon services on December 24 from Cannon Street to Tonbridge leaving London at 2.03pm, 2.33pm and 3.03pm.

No trains will run on Christmas Day.

A special timetable will operate with limited services between London Victoria to Ashford via Tonbridge on Boxing Day.

On Sunday, December 27, and Bank Holiday Monday, December 28, a normal Sunday service is planned although travellers are warned that some will be affected by engineering work.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and New Years Eve, December 29-31, normal Saturday services will be operating.

To cater for New Year's revellers, an additional early morning train has been arranged and will leave London Charing Cross at 1.15am for Ashford International via Sevenoaks and Tonbridge – this train service connects with an additional Tonbridge to Hastings train service that departs from Tonbridge at 2.08am.

OFF PEAK: Special timetables will be in use

A Sunday service will operate on New Year's Day and a normal Saturday service on January 2.

Full details of additional or amended services will be displayed at stations directly affected nearer the time and travellers are advised to check times and availability before starting journeys.

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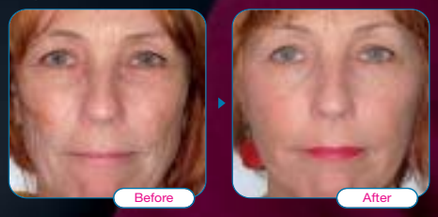

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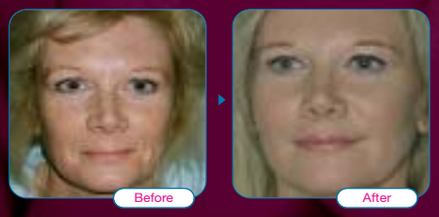

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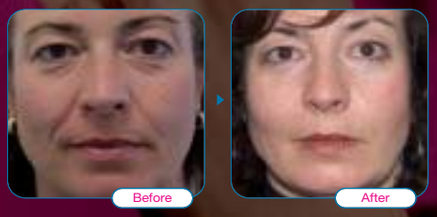

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Buy into the heart of our community

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POLITICIANS have thrown their weight behind our campaign to shop local this Christmas.

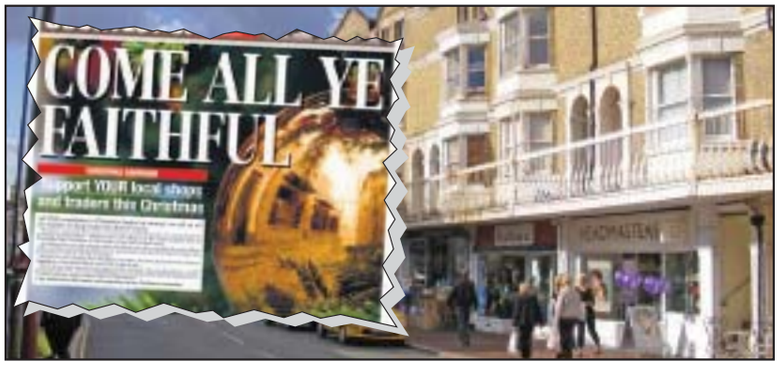
We called on our readers to help support the local traders who are the backbone of our community during this crucial festive season.

Now, more than ever, it is vital that we help protect our communities by investing in local traders, whether in towns like Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge or the surrounding villages.

Councilllors, business groups and the retailers themselves supported our campaign last week and now MPs have joined their calls for shopping locally this Christmas to help traders through the recession and emerge stronger in the new year.

Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells and shadow climate change secretary, said: "This Christmas comes at a time when the economy is still in recession.

"The shops and small businesses in Tunbridge Wells give the town its unique character that makes it such a fabulous place to be. That is why it is important we give our local businesses the support they need, especially at this time of year, to make sure they emerge from the recession as strong as they can do."



IT's IN YOUR HANDS: Shopping in our towns keeps vital funds in the local economy

Last week, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's economy and regeneration champion, Cllr Mike Rusbridge, warned people 'use your local stores or risk losing them forever'.

Sir John Stanley, the MP for Tonbridge, said local businesses were the "lifeblood" of the county's towns and villages and backed our campaign, adding: "I hope they will be well supported in the run up to Christmas."

Meanwhile, Sevenoaks MP Michael Fallon urged people not to delay paying bills from local traders and small businesses.

"I strongly support the campaign and urge people to shop locally," he said.

"I also urge people to pay traders promptly to help cash flow, which a lot of shops and small businesses are struggling with.

"I know what it's like when you get a bill and stick it on the side of your desk and don't pay it for a few weeks. But it would make a huge different locally because it is the small traders who need it."

Prison for rape of young child

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed for nine years after pleading guilty to rape and sexual activity with a child.

David Sullivan, 42, of Bentleys Meadow in Seal, near Sevenoaks, was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday for offences committed between January 2008 and May this year.

"David Sullivan's victim is just a young child," investigating officer PC Sarah Kelly said. "Sullivan came into contact with the child by exploiting his friendship with the family and his actions will leave a permanent mark on all their lives.

"It is to the child's credit that they were able to help this difficult inquiry and provide information, which together with indisputable forensic evidence, led to Sullivan's guilty plea."

A new place to play

THE Mayoress of Tunbridge Wells has formally opened the new community playground on the parish field in Frittenden.

Nearly 100 people attended the unveiling of the playground last weekend. The work was funded by a £49,860 grant from Kent County Council Playbuilder scheme and £10,000 from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Mayoress Victoria Price said: "Frittenden is such a wonderful community and the new playground will be a great asset, which I hope children will enjoy for many years."

Comic cancels on the debt collectors

TOP comedian Michael McIntyre has forfeited a £28,000 fee by walking out rather than entertaining a firm of debt collectors.

An hour before he was due on stage at London's O2 Arena last week to compere a show for staff of Cabot Financial (Europe) Limited based at Kings Hill, West Malling, he discovered the jobs of the audience at the private party.

According to national newspapers he pulled out as it would have been against his principles. The 33-year-old said he had faced considerable personal debt problems in the past and would never have agreed to the event had he been aware of what the firm did.

With a team of around 200 staff, the company buys consumer debts from banks and lending companies, ranging from credit card loans and store finance to mortgage debt, and works with customers to settle outstanding monies.

This week the company, that had to find a last minute stand-in, were remaining tight-lipped, with a spokesman saying they wished to make no comment at all.

Volunteer young hero for award

RESIDENTS from across Sevenoaks are urged to nominate unsung young heroes.

The Sevenoaks District Young Volunteer of the Year awards, now in their third year, celebrate the good work of people aged 14 to 18 who, over the course of 2009, have demonstrated commitment, achievement, leadership, innovation and creativity through volunteering.

Awards are available for young people who spend their spare time volunteering in their community, youth club, school, project or off their own backs.

Nomination forms are available at Sevenoaks District Council, town and parish councils, libraries, community and voluntary youth groups and schools, alternatively see www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/youngpeople.

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Preparing our next generation

BIG JOB: Bill Fearon is being kept busy

BILL Fearon is an imposing figure. He peers down from his height of six-foot-something in a calm, measured way.

Yet on his broad shoulders rests the education of thousands of our youngsters and adult learners.

Because Mr Fearon is the principal of West Kent College at a point, in its long history, of massive change and significance.

Anyone who has driven past the campus in Tonbridge's Brook Street will be only too aware of the huge redevelopment project currently under way.

Practically the entire site is being pulled down and rebuilt in an ambitious project dubbed Campus 21. It's not cheap either. Some £86 million of public money is being ploughed into it. But then this is our community's future we're talking about.

And while Mr Fearon works in his office overlooking the tarpaulin-wrapped latest stage of the development, he also has the small issue of assisting in the creation of a new 'super' college in the county.

Long discussed, and now waiting on the Government, the plan is to take the successful West Kent College and apply its approach to the troubled South Kent College. The result will – hopefully – be a merged giant. A new college with a new name, sprawling across the county with bases in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, Folkestone and Dover.

Funding

Between the rebuild and the merger plans, there's also the threat of funding cuts from central government. It's a big job.

"There are pressures," the 54-year-old admits, "but they are very welcome. I would much rather have these sort of pressures.

"Over 70 colleges have had their projects turned down or cancelled. We were one of the last to get money so we are grateful every day."

While the recession has bitten huge chunks out of most industries, education has seen a surge in demand.

With the employment market in a state of uncertainty, youngsters are preferring to stay within the comfort zone of continued learning, while all ages are seeking more qualifications to give them the edge in a competitive and evolving marketplace.

Mr Fearon explains: "We are about 20 per cent over-enrolled for our 18-24 target for this year. We can take them on although we don't get any extra money for them.

"The difficulty will come with the cuts in funding in the colleges sector – as there will be in all the public sectors – with a new government next year. There will be a limit to the numbers we can take. We may get to the point we are turning away young adults.

"History shows economic downturns increase enrolments at colleges – and that's probably true to sixth forms at schools to an extent. The flip side is that some of our students can't or won't afford the fee had they been employed and drawing a salary."

The college remains more and more focused on providing vocational courses.

Yet Mr Fearon himself admits he rather fell into the profession.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, so I did teacher training at Loughborough University and drifted into the profession. Then I found myself thrust into a vibrant, dynamic comprehensive in Essex. But I enjoyed it. And I realised I'd landed on my feet."

Having previously gained a degree in business studies, he taught PE, maths and economics.

After attempts of running his own business – he committed himself to teaching in 1982 when he got married and decided to pursue the security offered as a full-time lecturer rather than going it alone in business – he quickly climbed the career ladder.

From a stint at Barking College he served as a manager at Harlow College and then deputy principal at London's Southwark College. He moved to West Kent College seven and a half years ago.

Differences

So just how has the youth of the day changed over the decades?

"We have 14 and 16-year-old youngsters on day release programmes and in many ways they are more mature, streetwise and better informed than previous generations. Certainly when it comes to IT.

"But they are less experienced in other things. So it evens itself out.

"They come here and they do well. They like the college environment. They like the fact they're coming to do something practical and we get the positive side. The changes we've seen in the 16-18-year-olds is increased demand for more vocational qualifications; so we have developed those.

"You would have thought WKC, given its location and all the commuting into London, would have had financial services as one of its specialities. But in fact we don't. We have a lot of accounts courses, but there's a huge demand for health and social care. Construction crafts are very popular.

"Then there's the arts, performing arts, media, and there's always demand for beauty therapy, hairdressing and catering. So it's really widespread.

"The young people who come here seem to demand, quite rightly so, qualifications that will best fit their career.

"Many aren't set on a career at 16-18 – some are, but many aren't – but they use us as a taster for a particular career.

"A high proportion of people come here then go to university. Some will go into apprenticeships, the rest will get work. A negligible number will be unemployed for any length of time."

Easing path back to hospital wards

BENENDEN Hospital has been accredited as one of only two places in Kent where nurses wanting to return to work after a prolonged absence can update their skills.

The course, Return to Practice, has been validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council and is for trained nurses who have been away from clinical practice and let their registration lapse for more than three years.

It consists of 12 study days at Benenden Hospital, near Cranbrook, and a period of supervised practice over 18 weeks either at Benenden Hospital or the students' sponsoring NHS or independent trust.

Cricket coaching

BUDDING cricket stars can brush up their skills at the Judd next month.

The Tonbridge school is offering a range of junior cricket coaching courses from January 16. Children as young as five can take part in the 10-week courses, organised by Tonbridge and Malling District Cricket Partnership.

The courses will run on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. For more information, call Tonbridge council's leisure team on 01732 876166, or email leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk.

Museum's cracker

TUNBRIDGE Wells museum is offering a free drop-in Christmas arts and crafts workshop for visitors of all ages today (Saturday).

You can make your own decorations including angels, crackers and cards to take away. For younger visitors there will be a Christmas trail, with a chance to see original Victorian Christmas cards. Visitors will also be able to buy presents hand-made by local artists from the Box of Delights exhibition in the gallery.

Maritime centre claims pirate couple's ransom blocked by Government

THE latest twist in the saga of the couple being held by Somali pirates has seen claims the Government blocked plans to pay a ransom to free them, ***writes James Benjamin.***

According to the Merchant Maritime Warfare Centre (MMWC), a £100,000 deal was agreed with the pirates holding Paul and Rachel Chandler.

The couple, who rent out their flat in Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, were kidnapped on October 23 as they sailed their yacht, the Lynn Rival, between the Seychelles and Tanzania.

They were taken hostage and have only been seen once since then, when a video message was passed to Channel 4 News.

It showed the couple pleading for negotiations to begin for their freedom, while they were circled by heavily armed men.

But it emerged this week a £100,000 deal had been agreed for their release by the MMWC.

However, the Foreign Office advised the Chandlers' family to reject the proposal as it would break the Government's stance on paying ransom demands. The Government has insisted it will not pay a penny for their release. But Greg Clark, Tunbridge Wells MP, told this newspaper last week he was convinced the Foreign Office was doing everything possible to win their freedom.

CAPTURED: Paul and Rachel Chandler

Nick Davis, from the MMWC, said he agreed the deal two weeks ago after an initial £4.3m ransom was demanded.

The MMWC money was raised by its members. As terms of the payment, the couple would have had to pay back the money by selling their story to newspapers and media organisations on their return.

But the Foreign Office refused to allow the deal to go through.

Mr Davis told The Observer: "We could have had the Chandlers out weeks ago. The money was available, the pirates were keen to let them go, it was just a case of pushing the button. It was all ready to go. The pirates don't want to keep the Chandlers any longer. It's not good for them either.

"A figure of £100,000 had been agreed and put in place. It's still ready the second I get given the nod. Then I can get them out and we can release the funds and get it to the pirates."

It is not the first time there has been controversy over the handling of the Chandlers' case.

When they were first captured, it emerged a Royal Navy vessel had been within yards of the couple while they were being transferred to a tanker.

But the order to mount a rescue attempt never came amid fears the couple would be injured in any shoot-out.

The Chandlers' family have been told not to discuss the case with the media.

A Foreign Office spokesman said negotiations continue to help secure their freedom, but refused to discuss "operational details".

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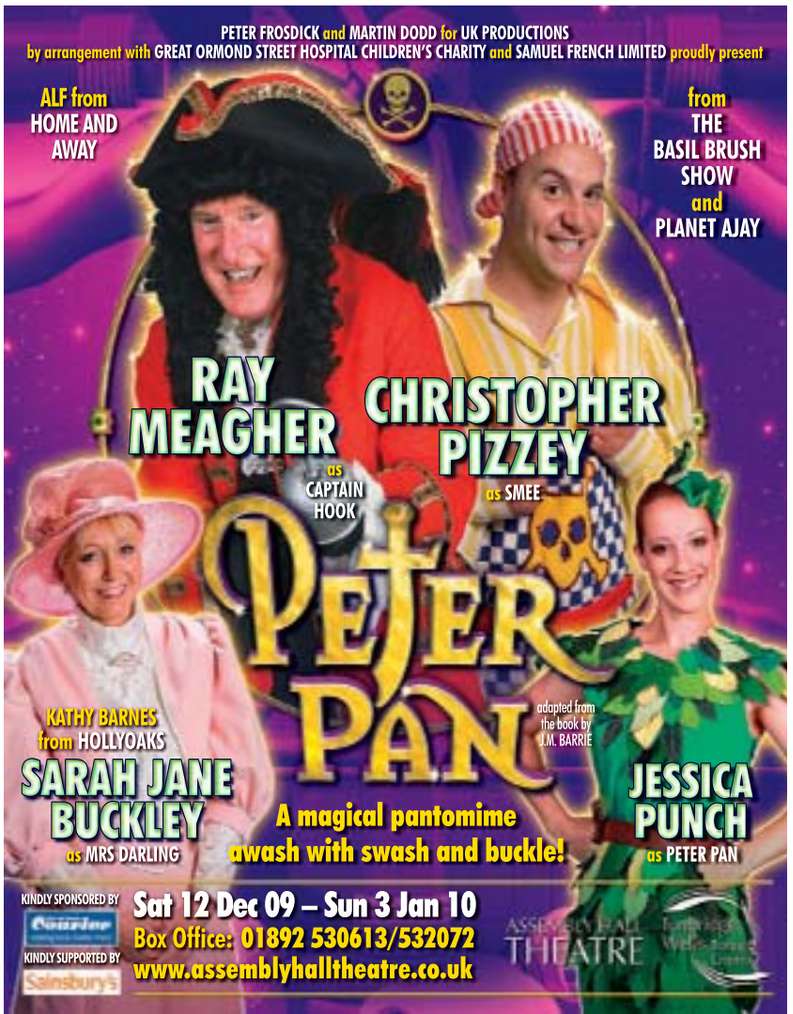


JULIE MADDOCKS

Delia (and Mike): Shaped by TV's awesome power

ON YOUR marks, get set, go – and we're off. Yes, the Christmas race is well and truly under way.

But before you panic and think you've been left on the starting line, it's not gifts, decorations or wrapping that people are rushing to get, apparently it's for the must-have ingredients that will enable us to whip up the perfect festive feast.

Why? Well, one reason was last week's television show, Delia Does Christmas.

More than three million people tuned in to watch Ms Smith return to our screens for her first Christmas programme in 15 years. Annointed earlier this year as the People's Cook, the power of Delia's celebrity elbow is massive.

Supermarkets were almost immediately running out of cinnamon and Marsala wine, and reporting record sales in Italian Panetonne fruit bread, as they tried to cater for the masses.

The Delia effect has struck again. In the past it had seen us scrabbling to buy the all-important cranberries, capers and even omelette pans after her recipe recommendations. There is absolutely no doubt that this celebrated cook is one of the most popular kitchen characters on telly, but I wouldn't mind betting that even she is surprised by the response her suggestions receive. It does make you realise just how powerful television is and how easily it can affect our lives.

Another sign of how television makes us react was an incident which had life-saving consequences and saw our 16-year-old son respond on a vital level. He works weekends as a waiter and recently, as he was serving at a table, realised something was very wrong.

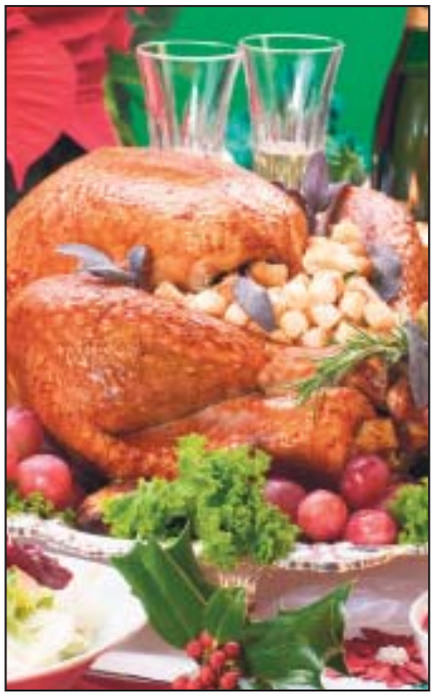
A customer was not at all well and immediately Mike recognised they were having a stroke. Reacting FAST, as the NHS advert suggests, he alerted his manager, who sprang into action, helped the customer, called an ambulance and helped save this person's life. But what was staggering was how Michael had been aware of the symptoms and knew exactly what to look out for – all because of a television advert.

What was good to know was how a simple message had helped save someone's life. And I know for a fact that this particular teenager wouldn't have been aware of what to look out for had he not seen it on the box.

When I was growing up, my family would often scoff at my addiction to adverts. I vividly remember my brother commenting: "If there were an O-level in commercials, you'd definitely get an A."

He may have had a point. I often enjoyed the ads far more than the shows and the production is often far superior to many of the programmes. Still, I'm pleased I did take some of those messages on board.

I often ask myself where I would be without that essential Cadbury chant: "A finger of Fudge is just enough to give your kids a treat". See how my life has been shaped?



TV DINNERS: Keeping up with the Joneses? We've enough on our plate with Delia Smith

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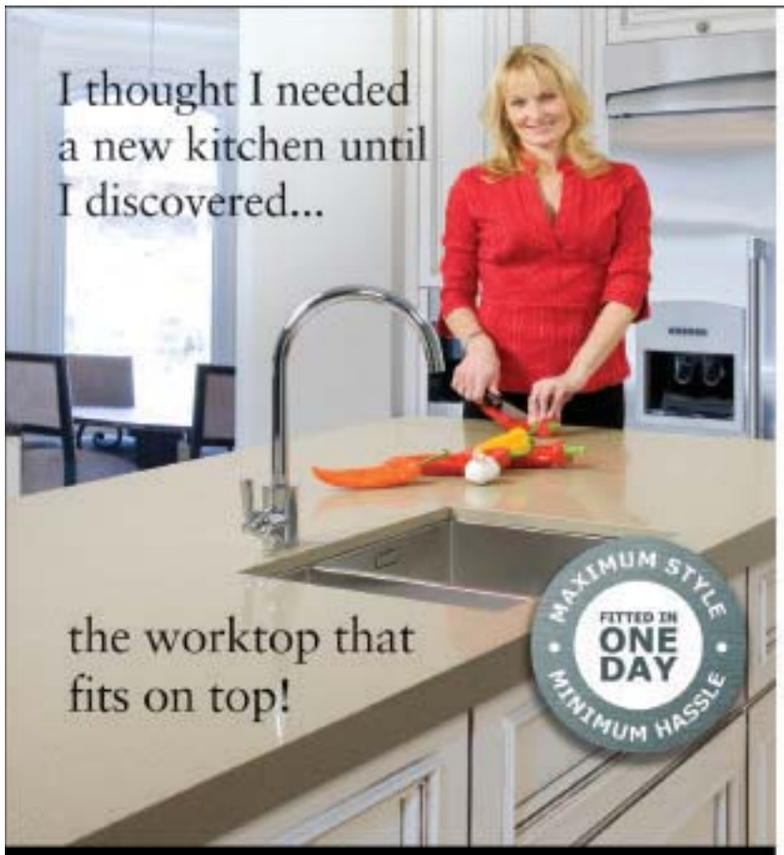

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A MOUNTAIN bike enthusiast and a woman who wants to "give something back to the community" are the latest additions to Tunbridge Wells' neighbourhood policing team.

Police community support officers Adam Warwick and Gemma Pepper will be working in Sherwood and Rusthall respectively, along with other members of the team, including officers and Kent County Council wardens.

Mr Warwick worked for Mercedes Benz, but previously he worked at Halfords as a Bikehut specialist, building and servicing bikes.

Ms Pepper said she is looking forward to her new role as she has wanted to be a part of the police from a young age and is keen to give something back to her local area.

To contact a member of the policing team email tunbridgewellsnhp@kent.pnn.police.uk or call 01892 502104.

Buyers look to start a new life in the country

By **MIKE BENNETT**
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IT may have proved a rollercoaster of a year for the property market, but it is finishing with a flourish as a rush to snap up rural properties outstrips demand.

What's more, the changing face of the economy has brought a different buyer to town.

Andrew Harwood, head of Knight Frank's Tunbridge Wells office, explained: "The top end of the market is predominantly led by buyers from London.

"Where once it was dominated by buyers from the financial sector, we have seen the re-emergence of the city lawyer and those based in the insurance industry."

He is urging vendors to get property on the market as soon as possible to make the most of the current wave of interest.

Over the coming 12 months he predicts that shortage of supply is likely to continue to dominate the property market.

He said: "It is unlikely we will see a dramatic fall in prices but it is also difficult to envisage that prices will go up dramatically."

Jeremy St Clair George, Cranbrook-based partner with Calcutt Maclean Standen, reports satisfactory end of year business in rural property with demand exceeding the supply of available property.

He said: "There are a lot of buyers looking for £450,000-plus property. That is selling well. But it is in short supply as owners are holding on hoping prices will improve.

"In my opinion they will not rise rapidly over the next two to three years, with a growth of only between one and three per cent, which is the sort of figures they were increasing by monthly back in 2005-06.

"What I do forecast is that those who do sell can expect to achieve close to the asking prices as there will be a number of buyers going for the same property."

Jackson-Stops, with offices in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Cranbrook, report real progress in the rural market place.

In its latest report on business they say that after being in retreat for 12 consecutive months progress has shown a remarkable year-on-year gain with the number of new people registering with them to buy up 37 per cent. But with new instructions to sell down, it confirms evidence of the property shortage, with the implications of pressure for rising prices.

A spokesman said: "It is something of an understatement to say the country house market underwent a welcome transformation earlier this year. Harder to determine, however, is how robust that transformation is, and when it might be complete."

Sheltered memories of childhood Christmases

ELDERLY residents of sheltered housing schemes have shared their childhood memories of simpler Christmas times.

Town & Country Housing Group has had their stories inscribed on decorations and used to adorn a special tree at their headquarters in Monson Way, Tunbridge Wells.

Doris Dapson, 75, who lives at Evernden House, Cranbrook, said Christmas had been a very special time and children really appreciated the few gifts parents could afford.

"I remember getting my stocking – not like today – we only had a sugar mouse, an orange, a coin, a nut and one present," said Mrs Dapson, who was born and grew up just 50 yards from her present home. We really treasured our presents. I've still got books my mother gave me for Christmas."

Other residents shared memories of mince pies, making paper chains and feeling at the bottom of the bed to see if Santa had been.

The project was organised by Town & Country Foundation and involved residents at St Andrew's Court, Camden Court, Lavender Court, Evernden House and Audrey Sturley Court.

Charity auction is well received by businesses

AN auction and Christmas reception at a law firm has raised over £5,000 for charity.

Coutts & Co's Tunbridge Wells team raised the cash after an event for over 100 local clients and contacts at the firm's Wellington Gate office in Church Road.

The cash was raised for the Prince's Trust, a charity established to provide training and development opportunities for unemployed and disadvantaged young people across the UK.

Among the prizes up for auction was an Aston Martin driving experience, lunch for two at The Brew House and a three-course lunch for four at the Spa Hotel.

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Exploring

After last week's day spent in the constituency, chief reporter JENNA PUDELEK shadows Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark – this time for a day at Westminster.

IT IS a crisp, bright winter's morning and approaching the Palace of Westminster it is hard not to be sucked into its history while gazing up at its imposing gothic spires.

But there is nothing like making your way through the airport-style security at the visitors' entrance to drag you back to 2009.

I am at Parliament to meet Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells and shadow secretary of state for energy and climate change, to experience what the man we elected to government does.

There are many interesting and topical issues to discuss – he has just returned from a trip to Bangladesh to witness firsthand the devastating effects of global warming, the national papers are full of reports about prominent Tories being among sceptics of man-made climate change and on the day we meet he is on the verge of heading off to Copenhagen for the United Nations' Climate Change Conference for what is being billed as the most important meeting in 50 years.

POWER HUB: Greg Clark took our reporter on a tour of the Palace of Westminster

Visitors walk through the oldest parliamentary building, Westminster Hall, which dates back to 1097, and is where Henry VIII played tennis and where the Queen Mother lay in state following her death.

I meet Mr Clark in the Central Lobby and he takes me on a quick tour of the House of Commons pointing out the pigeon holes where MPs receive urgent notices, the statue of Winston Churchill, which Conservatives are supposed to rub the foot of before making a speech (disappointingly, that's apparently just a rumour) and into the familiar green-

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the corridors of power

seated chamber. It appears much smaller and less imposing in reality.

After seeing where the votes are cast and Mr Clark points out where he and fellow Kent Tories such as Ann Widdecombe sit to catch up, it is off to one of the committee rooms for a meeting with representatives from major non-government organisations, including Greenpeace, Christian Aid, Oxfam and Friends of the Earth about Conservative 'green' policy ahead of the United Nations climate change summit.

Mr Clark's shadow cabinet responsibilities are fairly neutral and the Conservatives have broadly welcomed the Government's measures to tackle climate change.

"It is non-partisan," he told the meeting. "Domestically, in terms of policy, we share the Government's ambitions on this.

"We want to reach a progressive deal and will be pushing the Government and putting them under pressure, but not in a destructive way."

The meeting was off the record so we can't report what was discussed, but it was interesting to listen to discussions about carbon trading and bunker fuels. While most of it was very complex, the sun was streaming in through window, the Thames outside was shimmering and an MP's job suddenly seemed far more appealing.

Next it was off to Portcullis House within Westminster for a caffeine fix and to meet the environment correspondent for The Times. It was to become the common theme for the day, with Mr Clark reinforcing the Conservatives' commitment to tackling climate change despite the fact the party is littered with sceptics.

He said: "It is not as if the few are about to overturn David Cameron's passionate commitment to this subject."

Later William Hague gave a speech about climate change and its impact on foreign policy, which Mr Clark helped write, and was one of a series given by his shadow cabinet colleagues throughout the week..

MPs have to stay close to the Commons until around 10.30pm in case they are called back to vote, so all the major TV news channels, such as the BBC and Channel 4 have studios at nearby Millbank House.

It is here we dash after Prime Minister's Questions so Mr Clark can make an appearance on Radio 4's the World at One. We grab lunch at the soup bar there, where it is wheatgrass Wednesday and full of media types at laptops. It seemed a world away from the picturesque Star & Eagle in Goudhurst where we ate during constituency day.

With Mr Clark's packed schedule it was difficult to find time to discuss his day at any great length, even when Mr Hague's speech ended at 7.30pm he was dashing straight off for dinner with a foreign ambassador.

Yet his green credentials were something he was not slow on coming forward with.

During filming for a Friends of the Earth campaign video he spoke about his long-term concern for the environment.

He had said earlier that he had been thrilled to get his job in the shadow cabinet after his involvement with the renewable energy bill and sustainable community act.

Mr Clark revealed that he drives an electric car and had done for some time and said there was more that everyone could do. He was positive that living greener, more sustainable, lives would be better for communities.

He added: "Opposition is a very frustrating place to be. You see what could be done with greater urgency and do not have the chance to do that directly.

"We have to make sure there is a clear message coming out from all the main parties that we are committed to reducing emissions and supporting other countries as they adapt to climate change."

Jenna Pudelek visited Westminster on the day of Prime Minister's Questions – and watched Labour and Tory leaders lock horns.

The day before I joined Mr Clark in Westminster, he had taken part in a debate with his opposite in Government, Ed Miliband, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

On my day in the corridors of power, however, he was stepping to one side. I was to witness, first hand, Prime Minister's Questions – and watch the foremost politicians of the day verbally joust across the chamber.

From a packed Sergeant at Arms' Private Box – a viewing area close to the public viewing points above the chamber, I watched as the MPs entered. Mr Clark was next to Michael Gove, the shadow education secretary.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown looked a little dishevelled, surrounded by top Government figures. The Chancellor Alistair Darling came in towards the end to make a statement after it had emerged the Bank of England had secretly bailed out RBS and HBOS.

As you could perhaps expect, the atmosphere became pretty heated and rowdy as the two main parties set out to score as many political points as they could. It was fascinating to watch the cut and thrust of debate.

From lowly poor house to a state-of-the-art hospital

The new £225m hospital at Pembury will be one of the most modern in the UK when it opens in 2012. Its origins, however, lie in an era of grinding poverty, when hospitals were entered with dread and the very real fear they would kill long before they would cure. GEORGE WARD traces its evolution from workhouse to hospital.

BEFORE old age pensions or unemployment benefits, the only alternative to homelessness and starvation for those too weak or too old to work was the poor house.

Each parish had its own and paid, usually very grudgingly, for the minimum upkeep to house and feed the destitute.

In 1834 the Poor Law Amendment Act closed the small poor houses and established larger, centralised workhouses. Pembury opened in 1836, at a cost of £4,152, plus £100 for the 400 acres of land on which it stood.

Because so many of the homeless and unemployed were old, sick, or in the case of unmarried mothers, pregnant or nursing, infirmaries were always an important element of the workhouse.

Its gradual transformation into a hospital can be traced to the outbreaks of smallpox that ravaged Pembury from 1837-1840. In response an isolation block was built in 1840.

At a time when cholera, smallpox, measles and scarlet fever epidemics were commonplace, isolation wards were busy.

Pembury's also housed those suffering from venereal diseases, and "offensive" patients.

As economic conditions improved through the 19th century the number of able-bodied people applying for the meagre comforts of the workhouse fell.

Towards the end of the century, most of their inhabitants were the elderly, the mentally and physically ill, children, and abandoned wives. The focus changed from providing stone-breaking work to occupy the idle, to caring for the well-being of the weak.

Pembury's first custom-built hospital block was erected in 1856 where the pharmacy is now. There were no trained nurses and the sick were looked after by able-bodied paupers.

Until 1858 there was no standard qualification to become a doctor. Anyone wanting to practice needed only to be elected by a commission. The Medical Act of 1858 gave the General Medical Council the responsibility of establishing a register of qualified doctors.

With a £15,000 loan from the Government, Pembury began its first major building programme, erecting four dedicated blocks between 1885-1891.

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HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED: Nurses considering an x-ray in 1960. Top right, the Accident and Emergency department in 1941. Bottom right, Commonwealth nurses were recruited to the wards in the 1950s. Opposite, the Queen Mother visits Pembury in 1977

In 1864 Joseph Lister's discovery of antisepsis led to a dramatic decline in the infection of wounds, boosting the chances of surviving surgery. As conditions improved, demand rose for hospital treatment and different varieties of hospitals evolved.

There were voluntary hospitals funded by donations from the rich; hospitals for infectious diseases; specialist hospitals; cottage hospitals, to keep the ill close to home; asylums for the mentally ill – and, at the bottom of the pecking order – poor law infirmaries.

The wealthy began to see the hospital as a place of succour rather than slaughter – and were willing not only to enter them, but to pay to enter them.

The Poor Law Infirmary remained, deliberately, the final, last resort of the desperate.

Returning from the Crimea with immense political and popular backing, Florence Nightingale, began her fight for properly trained nurses in Britain.

Louisa Twining joined her with her campaign to bring trained nurses into workhouse infirmaries. In 1841 Pembury recorded 41 deaths from dysentery, underlining the desperate need for improvement.

The new generation of nurses appeared at Pembury at the same time as the new hospital blocks, and Louisa Twining became its first female guardian.

A booming population was funneling more and more towards the infirmaries, which

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were becoming, in fact if not in law, the hospitals for the masses.

In 1894 the British Medical Journal, investigating the infirmaries, visited the workhouse at Pembury.

"This workhouse is situated on a hill, commanding a view a millionaire might envy, over some of the loveliest scenery in Kent. The buildings include the workhouse proper, erected 60 years ago, with the prison-like windows, solid walls and small courts of that period.

"There is accommodation for 230 sick and infirm, who are distributed in the old hospital, the infirmary proper and the isolation block, for already the rapid growth of the population in the neighbourhood is taxing the resources of the house."

It was official recognition that Pembury's purpose was now the care of the sick – and that this was going to increase in importance.

The 20th century saw continuous changes. In 1900 Pembury was renamed the Sandhill Infirmary, to move it away from its old workhouse image.

Permission was granted to train nurses there in 1917, and in 1924 it was officially recognised as a nurse training centre.

In 1930 the county council took it over and, with a second massive building programme, turned it into the County Hospital with surgical and children's wards.

The national average cost of treating a patient – known as a patient episode – was then 10/2d (10 shillings and twopence). At Pembury it was 11/2d.

At the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 Guys Hospital was evacuated to Pembury. In 1940, large numbers of the wounded from Dunkerque were treated there. Many of its consultants stayed on at the end of the war as the radiotherapy and renal treatment departments were added.

Taken over by the Emergency Medical Service, a third building programme provided emergency wards housed in huts – some of which remained in use until 2005.

In 1948 the National Health Service was created, and Pembury at last took its place alongside Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone hospitals. The new hospital looks set to go even farther.

The very last resort

Underlying the entire ethos of the workhouse was the desire to make them so inhospitable that no one, however desperate, would chose life there over a life of work.

Writing about workhouses in Kent, about the time of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, Charles Dickens said: "Few anomalies are so horrible that the poor should creep into corners to die rather than fester and rot in such infamous places."

Children were separated from parents and husbands from wives. Punishments were common and in the 19th century Henry Catt was given 18 lashes for throwing a knife at mealtime.

The voluntary hospitals funded by donations and subscriptions from the wealthy, such as in Tunbridge Wells, improved significantly from the 1860s, and offered an operating theatre and anesthesia room as well as a pharmacy.

The poor law infirmaries remained very basic. Though workhouse doctors were salaried, they seldom visited more than once or twice a week, leaving the real care to nurses, untrained until the last years of the 19th century.

Amelia Scott was guardian of the workhouse from 1900 to 1930. In her diaries she left a vivid record of life in the lowest rung of hospital provision, including a description of how the table used for daily meals was to be scrubbed and used for an operation before she campaigned for a dedicated table.

In 1925 she reported that if a nurse needed assistance she would bang on the coal scuttle as there was no nurse call system.

Cigarettes stolen

OFFICERS have appealed for information after cigarettes were stolen during a burglary.

The Co-op in Hever Road, West Kingsdown, was broken into by thieves who forced a rear door to enter the premises between 11pm and 11.45pm on December 4.

Police said at around the same time a small, dark coloured car was seen driving at speed from the alleyway near the store onto Hever Road and left onto London Road

Anyone with information should call police on 01732 379217 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Empty your car

MOTORISTS have been warned not to leave anything of value on display in their vehicles after a handbag was stolen from a car parked near a woodland walk.

The rear driver's side window of a silver Mazda was smashed and the bag, which had been hidden under a jacket, was taken between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Sunday at the One Tree Hill National Trust car park at Underriver, Sevenoaks.

PCSO Sue Harwood said: "Putting valuables out of sight is not necessarily the safest option as thieves know all the hiding places."

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Positively picturing your

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THE ELUSIVE search for a good work/life balance led a successful salesman to abandon it all and find his niche as an award-winning wedding photographer.

After deciding on a career change, Alexander Whittle, who lives in Bells Yew Green, went back to college to study photography and decided to become a photojournalist.

He was taught by some top names in the industry, including Gerhard Mankowitz and Homer Sykes on his course at the former London College of Printing (now the London College of Communication) and was offered contracts by the likes of the Guardian and Daily Telegraph. But what made him leave the exiting and fast-paced world of photojournalism to capture couples' special days?

"I just realised that the life path it took meant I'd be away most of the time," he said. "I did some assignments in South America and Africa but I was getting married and it really wasn't conducive to the work/life relationship.

"That was the reason I left my last job because I did not enjoy that aspect. I was going to open a portrait studio but then a friend asked me to shoot his wedding.

"There was this freshness, creativity and the experimental nature of it. The impact of the images on the couple is much more direct and tangible. It just took off from there."

Before he decided to make a career out of his lifelong hobby, Mr Whittle briefly thought of retraining as a chef having given up his job working for WorldCom after being made European salesman of the year in 2000.

After only five years in the business, he won Wedding Photographer of the Year 2009 at the Annabel Williams Photographic Awards, which has proved lucrative after he was recently asked by Sony to become the high-tech giant's ambassador for its newly launched Alpha 850 DSLR camera.

Mr Whittle, 35, puts his success down to his individual style, which is breaking from the current trend for 'reportage' of weddings.

"Reportage means showing the wedding as it is, so if it was a grotty day and everyone was miserable you show it," he said. "I tell the story in a positive way. Who wants to see someone drunk falling over or if there was a barney? The images should be special and capture all the emotions and activity that happens."

He said he works hard to bring different elements of photography to the weddings, such as fashion and portraiture.

As well as landing the deal with Sony, Mr Whittle had his work on display at London's Getty gallery and bizarrely a Tunbridge Wells dentist has offered to whiten his teeth if he promotes the service.

He said the most important thing to make the day run smoothly was that the couple trusted him and his team.

"Some people have been planning their wedding since birth and have an idea of exactly what they want," he said. "But we try and say trust us we've done this before."

For details see www.alexanderwhittle.co.uk and www.sony.co.uk.

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Terry's film tribute

A HARD-hitting short film made by young women from YWCA West Kent is to be screened in nightclubs.

Familiar Faces uses still images to tell the story of a woman who leaves a party alone, bumps into a man she recognises and subsequently gets attacked.

It will be screened in Davinchi's and El Mono in Tunbridge Wells over the festive period.

One of the film-makers, Chantal Samways, 19, said: "We made the film in memory of Terry Edmonds, our friend who was murdered at just 17. The film highlights the real dangers out there and how to change our actions and behaviour so we can be safer."

A good neighbour

POLICE are urging residents to look out for their elderly neighbours this winter.

Officers say neighbours can make a difference by checking if milk, post and newspapers are being taken in regularly.

Distraction burglaries and bogus officials also increase in the winter months as crooks target the elderly and vulnerable. Acting Sergeant Marc Cananur said: "A few simple steps taken by neighbours can make a big difference."

A few chilling facts

RESEARCH has revealed a third of us find food in the freezer we'd forgotten about or can't identify, says Kent Waste Partnership.

UK households keep £860 million of food in freezers, but many of us have doubts about freezing some foods and believe freezing is for long-term storage only.

Cllr David Brazier, KCC's deputy cabinet member for waste, said: "Most of us never freeze foods if we've over-catered, even though freezing means we can to eat them later. Kent Waste Partnership is giving advice on what we can freeze and it's practically everything."

Go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for tips.

Workplace racism must stop, NHS trust warned

AN NHS trust has been warned it could face legal action if it fails to stop race discrimination in the workplace, ***writes Marijke Cox***.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust was issued with a compliance notice by the Equality and Human Rights Commission this week, stating it was in breach of the Race Relations Act.

The commission said the trust was failing to address the Act's 'race equality duty' which requires public bodies to stop racial discrimination at work.

It also calls for the promotion of equal opportunities and good race relations.

But the commission believes the Kent and Medway trust is failing to do so.

The trust specialises in mental health provision, covering learning disabilities, substance misuse and other conditions. It now has three months to put a race equality scheme in place or face legal action.

Susie Uppal, director of legal enforcement at the Equality and Human Rights Commission, confirmed the trust was under scrutiny. "It has been found to be in breach of the Race Relations Act," she said. "They can avoid legal action by providing a satisfactory response to our letter and taking steps to meet their requirements under the Act.

"NHS trusts have a legal obligation to take a lead on promoting racial equality and the commission will ensure they fulfil that obligation."

The commission said the trust has failed to put in place schemes that meet the race equality duty including:

- An assessment of functions on policies relevant to race equality;
- The arrangements for monitoring purposes for any adverse impact on the promotion of race equality;
- Assessing and consulting on the likely impact of proposed policies on the promotion of race equality;
- Training staff on how to adhere to the duty.

The trust was also told it must take particular steps to improve employment monitoring and address the lack of equality impact assessments on its policies.

Bullied

The commission's compliance notice follows a report published last year by the South East Coast Black Minority Ethnic Network (BME) which suggested black and ethnic minority health workers in Kent were facing discrimination in the workplace.

It stated high numbers were being bullied, harassed or were involved in disciplinary procedures at health organisations across the county. More than 27 NHS bodies in the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority covering Kent, Surrey and Sussex were analysed and it found ethnic minorities were being disadvantaged.

Ms Uppal said: "Race equality schemes have a crucial role to play in removing unfairness and disadvantage against minority groups. They help ensure racial equality is a central part of the way public authorities provide their services. The commission has an obligation to investigate possible breaches of race equality law by public authorities and take action where it is warranted."

In response to the compliance notice, an official from the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust said it was confident all the requirements would be met in the three-month period.

"The trust has been in regular contact with the commission about its compliance with the Act since it was raised," she said.

"An action plan has been in place since February to ensure all our policies are equality impact assessed."

She said the trust's single equality scheme, which is due for approval on Wednesday, had been through a comprehensive consultation process.

"The trust is completely confident it will meet the needs to reassure the commission of its compliance against the Race Relations Act by February, 2010, as stated in the compliances notice," she added.

Candy Morris, chief executive of NHS South East Coast, which represents the trust, also stressed health bosses were committed to leading the region to full compliance with all equality duties.

"We will continue to work in partnership with the commission and with all organisations across the region to ensure compliance is sustained and ongoing," she said.

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Police strive to make festive season a safe one for us all

JANE BARLOW lifts the lid on methods being deployed by Kent Police to give us all a silent night this Christmas

FROM the twin threats of drink and drug drivers, to rowdy late night revellers and shoplifters. While most of us prepare our house for the festive season, the police are ramping up their efforts at a busy time of the year.

They've stepped up patrols for a festive crackdown on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Extra officers will be out across west Kent to tackle rowdy late night revellers and drink drivers as well as shoplifters and rogue traders.

The aim is to deter criminals and to make west Kent a safer and more inviting place to shop and socialise, as well as to give crime prevention and safety advice and reassurance.

Police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be out on patrol in high numbers across Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and surrounding villages.

Their activities will not just focus on the town centres, but the villages and rural areas too.

Some police officers will be in plain clothes to allow for closer observation of potential crimes.

They will work closely with CCTV operators, Neighbourhood Watch and the local authorities to closely monitor shopping areas, industrial estates, retails parks and car parks.

Tunbridge Wells district Inspector Simon Wilshaw said: "In the run up to Christmas there is a rise in retail crime. We will have extra patrols out who will have good local knowledge of places and villains and will be able to identify known criminals as soon as they get into town.

"Seeing more police officers around not only deters criminals, but it also reassures people."

Police are also supporting a national campaign to reduce the number of drink/drug drivers who take to the road over the Christmas period.

Insp Wilshaw said: "We will be in the towns early in the evening to let people know we are out and about with the aim of deterring them from drink driving at the end of the evening.

"Drivers also need to be careful the day after a night out when they could still be over the limit."

Police will be working with local pubs, clubs and off-licences in the run up to Christmas and New Year, to ensure the responsible sale and consumption of alcohol.

They will also work with door staff to tackle trouble-makers and youngsters who try to get into pubs and clubs with fake identity.

Insp Wilshaw said: "We want people to come into Tunbridge Wells and enjoy themselves but to do it sensibly and not at a cost to others."

Sgt Kurt Bowen said police in the Sevenoaks district also had many plans aimed at reducing crime during the festive season.

He said: "We will be doing random road checks and stopping drivers and breathalysing them. We will also advise young women on the dangers of drinking too much, which could make them vulnerable."

Across Sevenoaks there will also be activities aimed at deterring and catching shoplifters and officers will patrol busy car parks.

Sgt Bowen said: "People should not leave bags on their car seats, or they risk their car being broken in to."

In Tonbridge, officers will carry out overt and covert operations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. They check licensed premises to make sure alcohol is not sold to under-age drinkers and will be carrying out spot checks.

Officers will be highly visible in the town centre with the aim of deterring shoplifters and purse thefts. Police will also be in the pubs and clubs looking for evidence of drugs.

Sgt Paul Stoner and his team will be policing the pubs and clubs in the Tonbridge and Malling area.

Sgt Stoner said: "Where there is evidence of underage sales, drug use or anti-social behaviour, we will prosecute all parties concerned without exception.

"I want criminals looking over their shoulders fearing that the police are watching them, because in all likelihood we will be."

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Drink/drug driving at Christmas

- One in six of people killed on the roads is attributable to a drink/drug driver.
- Motorists who are twice the drink drive limit are 50 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

Christmas and New Year advice from the police

- Don't drink and drive – get a taxi home or have a designated driver.
- Look after friends
- Keep an eye on your drink
- Walk away from trouble
- Don't leave Christmas shopping in your car

Mobile police station in your area

As part of the Christmas campaign a mobile police station will be visiting the following venues between 11am and 4pm each day:

- Saturday, December 5, The Co-Op, Cranbrook
- Saturday, December 12, Budgens supermarket, Hawkhurst
- Saturday, December 19, Tunbridge Wells town centre.
- Wednesday, December 23, Sevenoaks town centre
- Thursday, December 24, Swanley town centre

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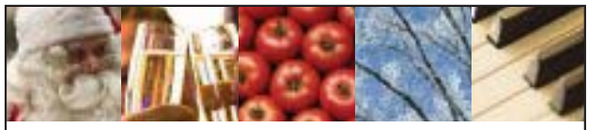

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Saturday 19th
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Indoor Arts & Crafts Fair 10.00-16.00 The Corn Exchange
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The Mayfield Town Band 12.30-13.30
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Dame supports recycled cards to trees scheme

ACTRESS Dame Judi Dench has called on the county's residents to recycle their Christmas cards.

Dame Judi Dench

She is working with the Woodland Trust on the recycling scheme and donors can choose where in the county they would like trees funded by the scheme to be planted.

The Oscar-winning actress is asking residents to support the woodland conservation charity by recycling Christmas cards in special bins at WHSmith, TK Maxx and Marks & Spencer, throughout January.

After recycling your cards, you can log on to www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/cards and choose which UK region you would like the Woodland Trust to plant trees in.

Dame Judi said: "We all enjoy giving and receiving Christmas cards, well thanks to the Woodland Trust there is the chance for a second giving and receiving opportunity this year.

"I would like to challenge people in Kent to give to the environment, recycle their cards and then receive trees for their environment by going to www.woodlandtrust.org/cards and choosing where the new trees generated by this year's recycling should be planted."

Since the Woodland Trust started its Christmas Card Recycling Scheme 12 years ago, 659 million cards have been recycled across the UK.

Some 13,080 tonnes of cards have been collected, allowing the Trust to plant 155,000 trees.

Kent's 'social enterprises' are a secret success story

By **MARIJKE COX**
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KENT is leading the way in the UK when it comes to social enterprises, according to business experts.

Recent draft figures have shown the relatively unknown industry is responsible for around 50,000 jobs in the county, with a turnover of £1.2 billion.

But industry insiders admit people are still unsure exactly what a social enterprise is.

Charles Bicker, chief executive of the Kent and Medway Social Enterprise Network, told KOS Media these companies are the way forward in the provision of public services.

"Our current government and the leader of the opposition are agreeing that this is the future," he said.

"Social enterprises are like normal businesses where they compete to deliver services, but their main purpose is to give something back to the community. Profits made from a social enterprise are invested back into the business for a social benefit."

It means instead of being driven by targets or making profit for shareholders, they are focused on local communities.

Entrepreneurs

There are around 900 social enterprises in Kent, one of which is the Skillnet Group, a community interest group funded by Kent County Council that works with people with learning difficulties.

It focuses on making links with the community so people with learning difficulties are not segregated and can become more independent.

Chief executive and co-founder Jo Kidd said: "We are a not-for-profit organisation and became a social enterprise company in 2005.

"I definitely think this form of working is the way forward. In terms of business it is better because it looks at the bigger picture regarding the community and the environment.

"It means a lot more social responsibility and not being focused on making money, meaning it is more sustainable.

"Social enterprise companies are all about being sustainable and being more involved in terms of community development."

Mr Bicker said social enterprise provides a win-win situation for everybody, with three important factors involved.

"Firstly, the company must show a willingness to engage with the community," he said.

"Secondly, the Government must show a willingness to engage with the social enterprise company with a level of trust it doesn't have with the private sector. Finally, the talent of social entrepreneurs and innovative work for the public good is very important."

A new scheme called Innovation for Health has been set up between Kent County Council and the three NHS primary care trusts.

It aims to look at how commissioning from local authorities can have a greater social impact when working with social enterprises, which could provide the health services.

Any return gained would be invested back into the social enterprise company and used again to provide services for the public.

Sustainable

Cllr Graham Gibbens, cabinet member for adult social services, said: "Kent County Council is working with the NHS and PCT to focus on how health and social care investment can be met and remain sustainable.

"Nationally Kent is leading the way on the social enterprise front. Not only is it getting more people into work, but it is really meeting a public need."

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Tickets at £8 for adults and £2 for children are available from 01732 353543.

Cash for shops

HAWKHURST Community Partnership is celebrating after Tunbridge Wells council agreed funding to help refurbish the historic Colonnade of shops in the village.

Work will now be able to start to restore the parade of 18th century listed buildings – described by some as a mini Pantiles of the rural area – to 21st century standards.

Hearing support

HI Kent, the charity that supports the deaf and hard of hearing, is holding a free aftercare and advice clinic for hearing aid users in Benenden.

It will be held from 10am-11.30am on Wednesday, December 16, at Harmsworth Court in Rothersmere Close. There is no need to book an appointment.

A clutch of cattle show awards proves our young farmers are of good stock

By **MIKE BENNETT**
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Leaders in their field

STUDENTS at Angley School, Cranbrook are celebrating this week after collecting an armful of trophies at the biggest Christmas Fatstock Show in southern England.

The two-day Ashford Cattle Show sees the top stockmen and women present their animals and crops for judging by experts and the young farmers again proved they have the skills to challenge the very best.

Huge crowds watched as they competed and beat other school young farmers' clubs for the honours.

This year they also produced the reserve champion beast of the show with a Limousin cross steer being narrowly beaten for the major honour by a British Blue cross heifer from expert breeders from Heathfield.

They also had the best young farmers' lambs which were Texels, the best pen of five lambs, and the best heavy pig carcass.

Praising Angley in particular, and other teams from school farms across Kent, after the 139th annual exhibition, show secretary Mark Cleverton, said: "The work supporters and leaders do maintaining school farms in the county and providing a base for training young people in life skills and educating them and their families (as well as many others in the schools) in the ways of farming, food production and rural life, should be recognised and greatly applauded."

It sends out a clear message to those concerned that all too frequently schools dismiss jobs in the land-based sector.

That is a subject of considerable concern to those aware of the global need for increased food production and the diversity and breadth of careers available.

Last week at Hadlow College they took up the challenge with huge interest in a meeting designed to target people that knew little about what was to offer in terms of career progression. It included details of the government-funded Fresh Start initiative, first launched six years ago, to encourage people into rural industry.

They were the second college in Britain to set-up the scheme to stimulate the industry and are due to launch their third series of courses in January.

As director of finance and resources, Mark Lunsden-Taylor is a passionate voice for rural industry, and is anxious to educate young people on the vast opportunities available. He said: "I think it understandable that, during the farming industry's lean years, advisors tasked with helping young people finding the right career routes dismissed agriculture because of the perception it had so little to offer.

"Few would argue with that definition as farming went into considerable decline as a result of a number of factors, including huge imports of food from countries with far lower production costs.

"Now we are beginning to see a reversal of the industry's fortunes. Concerns about future food security aligned to burgeoning population and climate change issues are resulting is far greater public interest in where and how food is produced. We don't have a choice, we have to produce more food. This is an exciting, rewarding, stimulating and challenging time for young people to consider making a career in agriculture."

He believes farming is in line to return to its former position as one of the most important and well founded industries and there is the need for bright, motivated young people to take up the challenge.

"But we need their advisors to appreciate just how much farming is changing and what excellent and exciting career prospects are on offer.

"At Hadlow we are happy to provide career advisors, parents and young people themselves with a clear insight into an industry we passionately believe has the knowledge, ability and determination to make this country more self- sustaining.

"Demand for local, regional and UK produced food is growing on a daily basis. We should create far more awareness of the high standards of livestock husbandry in this country. We are a nation of animal lovers and the public cares about the way farm animals are treated. Let us not forget we have the very best livestock standards in the world."

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SARAH ORTON of Produced in Kent looks at how success in the Taste of Kent awards can open up new opportunities

FEW of us could say we haven't dreamed of hearing the words '... and the winner is ...' being spoken to us at some time in our life.

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For the last five years, a dozen or so companies each year have enjoyed the experience of winning a Taste of Kent award.

Launched by local food and drink champions Produced in Kent, every year the public has the opportunity to nominate their favourite food and drink products, producers, retailers and restaurants.

Earning a Taste of Kent award has proved a life-changing experience for many winners, as Butterfly Meadow discovered when it picked up the Innovative Product of the Year in 2008 for it unusual fruit leather, a natural dried fruit snack.

Owner Steve Dansey says the award has helped transform the company and fruit leather now makes up 80 per cent of his business compared with just 25 per cent last year.

And the company has gone from selling solely at farmers' markets to a business that now generates 70 per cent of its turnover from wholesale trading.

Mr Dansey said: "These awards really do make a difference and help transform companies. Winning a Taste of Kent award was the ultimate catalyst to make fruit leather our core product.

"We gained a huge amount of publicity and enjoyed a very successful exhibition in London thanks to our award.

The prize money enabled us to put together a professional business plan with outside experts and to achieve our vision for the product."

The Plough, at Stalisfield Green, underwent a similar metamorphosis when the business won Kent Pub of the Year and staff found it such a positive experience they hope to win a second Taste of Kent award in future.

Landlord Robert Lloyd said the award was a real turning point for the business and the media flurry that followed helped the rural pub significantly increase its presence, with The Plough advertising its win on menus and website.

Mr Lloyd said: "Winning the award was a fantastic morale boost to the business and really cemented our belief that we were taking the pub in the right direction.

"It is important the public have a chance to vote as it allows small businesses like our own to go up against businesses with much more financial clout. A public vote followed by the Taste of Kent awards' judging panel is a very fair system allowing the best businesses to shine through."

The Plough certainly epitomises a Taste of Kent with its local Kentish ales, beers, cider and wines served alongside its fantastic local menu.

Mr Lloyd explained: "Our efforts to produce traditional food using the best local ingredients seem to be welcomed by customers. People visit The Plough for our simple, unpretentious, but well-cooked food using the best of local ingredients and served in a beautiful pub building and location."

A regular supplier to The Plough is Ramsgate Brewery, another Taste of Kent award winner with the brewery reaping the benefit of the public's vote last year when it won Best Kentish Beer with its Gadd's Number 3.

Brewed entirely with local hops, Lois Gadd describes the beer as the modern, true taste of east Kent. "It's testament to the quality of these hops that the beer was judged Best Kentish Beer and confirmation that buying local means buying tasty."

Lois described the win as a "real boost", while both staff and customers were lifted by the regional recognition. As well a raised profile in the media, Ramsgate Brewery has been able to incorporate the win into its signs and bottles, adding further kudos to the award-winning product.

The Taste of Kent awards raises public awareness as to the fabulous products we have on our doorstep in Kent. For too many years we've all been conditioned to think that food sourced food from elsewhere is somehow superior to local produce, when the opposite is the reality.

For more details, visit www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk.

OUTSTANDING: Last year's contenders in the Taste of Kent awards enjoy their big night out at Leeds Castle

Cast your vote today...

WITH the nation in the grip of X Factor fever, consumers across Kent are being invited to vote for a different type of talent altogether.

For the rest of December, people have the chance to vote for their favourite food and drink products, producers, retailers and restaurants in the Taste of Kent awards.

Everyone who takes the time to vote before January 3 at the website www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk will be entered into a prize draw for a night for two with breakfast at the elegant ABode Hotel, Canterbury. Whether you place votes in one category or all 12, everyone will be entered into the draw.

The top three nominations in each category will be either judged or visited by an expert panel of judges and the 12 winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in February at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone.

So, who will you nominate on www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk? The categories are:

- **Kent Butcher/Meat Producer of the Year**
- **Best Kentish Beer**
- **Best Kentish Wine**
- **Best Kentish Cider or Perry**
- **Kent Juice Producer of the Year**
- **Kent Local Food Retailer of the Year**
- **Kent Seafood Retailer of the Year**
- **Kent Food Product of the Year**
- **Kent Food Producer of the Year**
- **Kent Restaurant of the Year**
- **Kent Pub of the Year**
- **Kent Farmers' Market of the Year**

Taste of Kent overall sponsor is Whitehead Monckton. Category sponsors include Seeda, Kent Life, WK Finn-Kelcey, KCC, Biddenden Vineyards, Bennett Opie, Barclays, Visit Kent, Kent Frozen Foods and Hadlow College.

You've got to admire her sauce. And Alice's lamb

LAST week saw the sizzling final of the prestigious Kent Young Chef Award, organised by Produced in Kent.

Eight students battled it out at Thanet College under the watchful gaze of children's TV presenter Neil Buchanan, of Art Attack, who presented the awards.

ALICE BROWNING: Kent Young Chef

Also watching the cook-off were Produced in Kent patron Amanda Cottrell, Mayoress of Broadstairs and St Peters Mave Saunders, and prospective parliamentary candidate for Thanet South Laura Sandys.

The eight finalists, aged between 11 and 16, were given two hours to cook and serve their original main course recipes, all of which had to feature local and seasonal produce. After a couple of hours of frenetic action in the kitchen at Thanet College, Alice Browning from St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive, Chatham, was named Kent Young Chef in the junior age group.

She produced Romney Marsh lamb with chocolate peppermint sauce, made with mint grown in her own garden.

Alice said: "This is so exciting, I can't believe it. I got really nervous at the beginning and end and it was very hot in the kitchen. But I just tried to keep cool and get on with what I had to do."

James Dye, of Swan Valley Community School, Swanscombe, won the Kent Young Chef senior award

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BUSINESS review 2009

Hospice in the Weald

CARING: The Hospice in the Weald in Pembury; a therapy session at the Day Centre; chief executive John Ashelford

Inspirational facility continues to care

HOSPICE in the Weald is a registered charity based in Pembury, which serves a population of around 300,000 in west Kent and East Sussex.

The charity was founded in 1980 with just three nurses visiting and supporting terminally ill people in their homes. The service grew and in 1998 a new 17-bed hospice was opened following a fundraising campaign to raise £4.3 million to fund the building work.

By 2001, with no additional statutory funding to support the charity's new facility, the hospice was facing a deficit of £300,000. It had just seven weeks' free reserves and less than half of the new facility was in use.

It was during 2001 that John Ashelford joined Hospice in the Weald as chief executive. Using his many skills as a finance/commercial director with major international business and subsequently with national charities, he began the process of transforming the perilous situation.

Funding from the NHS was around eight percent of the hospice's running costs, but by reasoned arguments and tough negotiations this situation has improved, although today the hospice remains one of the lowest statutory funded adult hospices in the UK.

The main thrust of John's action plan was to take tight control of costs, generate new income streams, raise awareness of the hospice and expand the vital work it does and bring all the facilities into use. To do this he instilled a tough work ethic and recruited 'the best' while ensuring that the ethos of Hospice in the Weald was maintained.

John has led from the front and has not let the community down. Under his leadership the hospice has flourished. It has grown all its services year on year and now supports more than 2,000 people annually. The recent Day Therapy Centre extension was completed on time and within budget and has now doubled the number of day patients it helps. All in-patient beds are available and in use, while the Community Team of skilled nurses and doctors supports around 1,000 patients in their homes each year.

The range of clinics and expansion of services provided by the hospice is first rate and this was recently recognised with the hospice being named West Kent Charity of the Year, and John Ashelford receiving an Outstanding Business Person award.

John is very proud of what his team has achieved and is mindful that, without the continuous generosity of the community, his task would have been impossible. John and his team need £4 million each year to fund the hospice's work and with the charity's 30th anniversary in 2010, now is the time to support this fantastic organisation.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Caring for our Community

In 2010 we will have been caring for the people of West Kent & East Sussex for 30 years

At Hospice in the Weald we are committed to offering the very best care to our patients, their families and carers and all our nursing, medical and support services are provided free of charge.

Please continue to support your local Hospice as we enter our special anniversary year - your contribution is vital to those in need.

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CHRIS BRITCHER

Eat, drink and buy fitness gear

CHRISTMAS would not be Christmas if it were not for huge mounds of food and drink making their merry little way from the table and down our hungry little throats.

It's part of the fun after all. Diets are left outside the advent calendar window around December 17, and we don't go back to collect them until the new year.

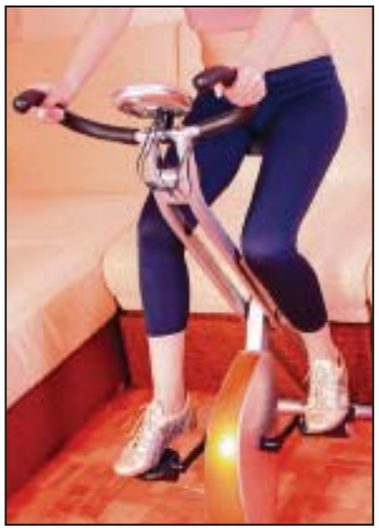
But while will we prepare to force-feed our nearest and dearest with the equivalent of a flock of plump turkeys, or a herd of, er, crunchy nut roasts, allow me to remind us all of what heartache lurks just around the corner. Of the doomed love affair we all fall victim too.

Because this time next month we'll be regretting shovelling in Quality Street as if our stomachs were a steam engine, needing lumps of chocolatey coal to fuel our sugar-drenched bodies. Or popping in our mouths the equivalent of a 10-acre farm's annual harvest of parsnips. In the space of an hour.

We all know it's going to happen. It's a tradition, after all. You just watch.

Just keep an eye out at your friendly supermarket.

Right now their shelves are drooping under the combined weight of calorie-packed



snacks and nibbles and a selection of over-priced gift items.

But before the first seconds of 2010 have ticked by, those tall hot chocolate cups or selection packs of spices will have seen their prices slashed and them rudely moved into the discount section.

And in their place will arrive a range of exercise equipment. Items which promise to stretch your every muscle. To turn everything from your thumb to your tum into a lean, mean machine capable of turning heads at 50 paces.

The fitness industry may be struggling right now, as is everyone with the recession, but for generations it has built its reputation on being a fad.

We all know how it works. We splurge on some gear – those step machines, maybe one of those ridiculous inflated balls, hey, perhaps an exercise bike if we've got any money left or there's still a bit of breathing space on the trusty credit card. After all, we'll persuade ourselves, investment in this will actually save us cash, what with us staying inside working out, rather than heading to the pub.

And for a week – maybe even two – they will be loved. They will be cherished and adored. They will represent a new us. A toned body, a fit body and a trim mind and soul. We will proudly keep them on display. They will blow us kisses as we stroll past – reminding us of the sessions we enjoy with them.

We'll consider not only spending that precious half an hour with them each night, but maybe a quickie in the morning too.

But then something will change. And rather than straddling your new-found love and building up a sweat just before EastEnders, you'll leave it propped up against the cupboard. You'll not catch its gaze as you stroll past. And that will be it. The love affair will be over as quickly as it started.

Sure, you may try and rekindle the magic of that first week or so, but you'll both know it's not going to last.

Before you know it, the hapless piece of gear you bought and vowed never to neglect will no longer be kept on show. It will be placed in the understairs cupboard.

And that will be that. It will be only a matter of time before it travels out the back door and into the shed. Come the summer, it will make a final sad journey to the tip.

You won't learn your lesson though. By the following January you'll fall victim to another of its ilk. It will look at you and promise how it's your perfect partner and before you know it you'll be taking it home for the night… and the sad little cycle will begin again.

So while you're tipping a tray of chilli nuts down your throat this Christmas in a manner impersonating a French pate de foie gras farmer, just remember that in a matter of weeks you'll regret it.

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A crop of nonsense

It seems that Steve Dawe is still peddling pernicious myth that biofuels are driving u food prices. He might like to try and explai how rice prices surged last year, when rice not used to make biofuels.

In fact, there are plenty of non-food crops, such as jatropha and camelina, that can now be used to make renewable fuels for transpor

These biofuels are much better for the pl et than the electric cars favoured by the

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Biofuels not the banker you make out, doctor

Dr Alan Bullion is wrong on two counts (letters, last week).

First, biofuels do push food prices up because growing crops for biofuels is not being done sustainably or with this risk in mind, as Oxfam has noted.

Specifically, Oxfam indicated that, by 2007, 30 per cent of food prices increases had been created by biofuels, adding $100 billion to food bills.

However, a World Bank study in 2008, found that biofuels were responsible for 75 per cent of food price increases.

Like Oxfam, Christian Aid does not want plans for biofuels to be scaled-up, because of the limited availability of land for agriculture in the developing world particularly.

The International Monetary Fund has also indicated there is no doubt that biofuels are pushing up food prices.

As for powering electric vehicles, anyone can choose an electricity provider like the one I use which provides electricity exclusively from renewable sources.

There is no need to use electricity generated by the use of fossil fuels.

Steve Dawe, Green Party candidate, Tonbridge and Malling

Sorry, I'm not warming to climate change tale

Just a note of thanks to Ray Duff, for so admirably highlighting why such a large proportion of the population don't believe in global warming, oops I mean climate change (I guess it covers more options).

As with any new religion those in on the ground floor get to make up the rules and of course the right to censor anything they don't like, after all there's nothing like winning a one sided argument is there?

And therein lies the problem – did I say lies? Sorry I didn't mean to bring Al Gore into this. The doom mongers and CO2 extremists have managed to stifle the debate, hide information, exclude inconvenient data (there I go again, sorry Al) and generally doctor the figures to suit.

The leaked emails are talked about as an attempt to sabotage Copenhagen, not the more important fact that they exist at all and if they don't expose damaging allegations just why did Professor Phil Jones quit as director of the Climatic Research Unit?

When the stories hit the papers and TV news it's always the shrinking glacial ice, there's never a mention of the equal number of growing glaciers. It's always drowning and starving polar bears (how many have drowned? Or starved?) they don't tell you about the generally growing population of polar bears which are being culled.

But as mentioned earlier why let the truth get in the way of a new religion?

Ray also points out that President Obama is going to pledge a 17 per cent reduction in CO2 by the USA.

The truth is it will never happen. The Senate will never vote to saddle the US tax payers with hundreds of billions of dollars of debt because of dubious and unproven science and the President knows that.

The fact is until the extremists open up the debate to all scientists and all data equally, most people will still remain sceptics and when it starts burning huge holes in their pockets and restricting their freedom they will be even more so.

Until people like Ray and our esteemed Prime Minister stop resorting to churlish pathetic name calling and talking about deniers or referring to people with genuine and reasonable doubt as akin to creationists.

You will never win the argument, you might win the debate, but then who wouldn't when there is no debate to start with, but in the end you will lose more and more of the support you have.

Climate change is unproven, spending hundreds of billions of tax payers money, restricting peoples freedom to travel and threatening innocent individuals if they don't comply with the next edict to be dreamt up is a certainty and we allow it at our peril.

Julian Ackroyd, by email

Thanks for your help in giving retailers support

Just wanted to say a big thank you to your newspaper for urging people to shop locally in these troubled times.

We run a store in Tonbridge and rely entirely on local support.

Fingers crossed we get it.

Name and address supplied.

Internet's the best bet

It's all very well calling on us to support local shops – but in these cash-strapped times, the best deals are, inevitably, to be found on the internet.

I know where I'll be shopping this year.

H Goff, Tunbridge Wells

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Tunbridge Wells Fashion Week

Fashion Week Schedule

Wednesday 24th February
1:00pm Hoopers Department Store
8:00pm The Brew House Hotel

Thursday 25th February
1:00pm The Brew House Hotel
8:00pm Hoopers Department Store

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BIRTHS

BARNETT
Matthew and Kelly celebrate the birth of their twins Maisie and James on 23rd November 2009. Baby sister and brother to Christopher.

BURGESS-CLEMENTS
Luke born on 23rd November 2009, weighing 5lb 10oz. Son to Mark and Angela Burgess-Clements in Maidstone.

DAISY
Sean Daisy and Lisa Wren of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Florence Emily Deborah Daisy on 29th November 2009.

GOLDSMITH
Angela, Peter and Millie celebrate the birth of Olivia Jessica Dorothy on 27th November 2009, daughter and baby sister.

HOLLAMBY
Jack born on 24th November 2009, weighing 7lbs 10ozs. Son to Adam and Sarah Hollamby (nee Simmons) from Dover.

HUGHES
Harrison Henry born 26th November 2009, weighing 7lbs 14ozs. Little brother for Bethany and Callum.

JUDGE
Dominic and Jennifer of Shottenden proudly announce the birth of their second daughter, Chloe Olivia. Chloe was born on 30th November 2009 at 3.59am weighing 8lb 3oz. A new sister for Emily.

NEWMAN
Darren and Laura Newman celebrate the birth of their son Oscar Michael Eric Newman on 24th November 2009.

PAPAS
David and Debs would like to welcome Isabelle Tammie Papas into the world as of the 20th November 2009. All boys are banned until further notice! xx

PARISH
Kenneth and Deborah celebrate the birth of their son Nicholas David Parish on 17th November 2009.

RANGELEY-COOK
Hayley and Matthew of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Raymond Peter, born on 30th November 2009 at QEQM Hospital. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

SESSIONS
Kelly and Anthony Sessions celebrate the birth of their son Luke William George Sessions on the 15th November 2009.

TUTT
Phil and Sara of Boughton under Blean are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Daisy May, on 11th November 2009. A new sister for Chelsea, Harry and Molly.

DEATHS

BRACKLEY
Maurice Brackley of Maidstone passed away on the 5th December 2009. Funeral to be held on 17th December, all enquiries to Pickard and Beale of Maidstone 01622 677155.

CHESHER-BRAZIER
Judy passed away peacefully on 4th December 2009 at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Forever in our thoughts and loved dearly. Enquiries to Welch and Son of Herne Bay 01227 374995

JAMES
Carol Margaret James of Ramsgate passed away on 8th December after a long illness. Funeral to be held at Thanet Crematorium on 17th December at 12:00. Carol will live in the hearts of those left behind.

LURCOOK
Today you are dancing in the fields with your father. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever, watch over us. Love you lots + 1. Your loving wife Glendar, daughters Jacklyn and Marcella, Son in Laws Rick and Matt and grandchildren, Jayden-Isaac, Jarick, James and Charlie-Maddison.

RANDALL
Sidney Richard Randall of Hythe passed away on 25th November 2009. Enquiries to 0208 3119560. Theres an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone, and there, in a light we cannot see, you will remain close to me.

WALLINGTON
Enid Maud of Chatham passed away peacefully on the 29th November 2009 aged 72 years. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

WICKENDEN
Irene Joyce Wickenden passed away peacefully at her home in Faversham on 2nd December 2009. A much loved mum and grandmother who will be very sadly missed.The funeral to be arranged, please contact Hogben and Partis of Faversham on 01795 532319.

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Saving children's lives

Every day, more than 25,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. Causes that could be treated in the UK by a trip to the doctor, a course of medicine or a simple pill. In fact, many wouldn't even occur in the first place. These child killers include malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, and Aids. All are treatable. All are preventable.

We know that children are being killed by these illnesses and we know what we need to do about it. So my question for all readers to consider is this: why aren't world leaders doing anything about it?

It's obvious that when our leaders choose to act they really can make a difference. For example, since 2001 there has been a 90 per cent cut in deaths from measles in Africa – this would not have been possible without the support of these leaders.

World Vision, a charity I support, is calling on the Government to lead the way and become a global champion for child health. It's campaign, Stop The Child Killers, is aiming to build support for these calls. I want to encourage readers who care about these issues to show their support and join the campaign, you can do so by going online to: www.worldvision.org.uk/stopthechildkillers.

Melanie Melone, Dover

A fair deal for drivers

The Tory deputy leader of Medway Council, Cllr Alan Jarrett, has been proclaiming his generosity in announcing three free parking days for Christmas shopping in Medway's car parks.

He has then gone on to criticise Labour for not supporting those proposals. He is absolutely right. Since the Tories took over the council, short-term charges in our high street car parks have doubled. Labour did not support the Tory budget proposal because it did not give a fair deal to motorists and looked to further undermine the patchy business outlook in our high streets caused by the global downturn and local traffic chaos caused by unending roadworks.

In contrast, Labour put forward an affordable alternative to introduce year-round, free short-term parking. This would have created a massive boost for our high street shops by putting them on a level playing field with the out-of-town superstores.

The loss of trade caused by the Tories rejecting this fair deal for motorists is being felt week in, week out by our high streets. Three free days is simply not good enough. These out-of-touch Tories have failed Medway's residents.

Cllr Glyn Griffiths, Labour deputy leader, Medway Council

A cruelty-free Yuletide

In this season of celebration, parties, laughter and merriment, Animal Aid is asking people to spare a thought for the millions of animals for whom Christmas is a time of fear, exploitation, suffering and death.

Turkeys are slaughtered for Christmas dinner, along with ducks, chickens, pigs, cows and lambs. Reindeer are taken from their natural habitat and paraded for the amusement of punters. Prettily packaged cosmetics and toiletries can make lovely gifts, but were probably tested on animals.

Puppies and kittens are given away as presents, but later may be neglected or dumped by when the novelty has worn off.

Rabbits and foxes have their fur stripped from them to be turned into clothing and accessories. But there is another way. Animal Aid has produced a fantastic guide to a compassionate, cruelty-free Christmas.

This colourful, informative booklet contains sections on food and drink, make-up, fashion, gifts and entertainment, showing just how easy it is for cooks, shoppers and revellers to take simple steps to avoid inflicting suffering on others this festive season. After all, it is the season of goodwill.

For a free copy of the Compassionate Christmas Guide, contact Animal Aid on 01732 364546 or visit www.animalaid.org.uk

Ashley Owen, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Big Meg is watching

On November 23, Meg Hillier, the so-called ID minister, took part in a web chat organised by the Manchester Evening News.

Ms Hillier skirted around the 50 pieces of information that will be stored on the national ID database and claimed the data was "the same as currently for the passport, plus National Insurance number, plus up-to-date address, and fingerprints and picture".

The UK Identity and Passport Service – UKIPS – is setting up panels around the country to get the views of the public as they build the 'National Identity Service'.

This acronym should not be confused with Ukip, the UK Independence Party, which is against ID cards fingerprinting of innocent people and Big Brother control. They are looking for volunteers. Count me out.

Victor Webb, Ukip Parliamentary candidate for Tunbridge Wells

Real 'glorious twelfth'

This weekend marks an important day in the shooting calendar and one which always passes without recognition.

Saturday, December 12, is what most people would term the real 'glorious twelfth', for it is on this day shooting grouse purely for sport and entertainment officially finishes.

The grouse shooting season gets under way on August 12 every year with a flurry of media interest proclaiming the day to be glorious. In fact what is being celebrated is the mass slaughter of birds by paying guns, many of whom have had no training or experience of using a gun before in their life.

Not only this, but what is also being celebrated is the systematic slaughter of other species which are wiped out to protect the game birds being reared for shooting.

There is nothing glorious about this. So for once let's recognise the day when the shooting and killing stops for this is the real glorious twelfth.

Douglas Batchelor, chief executive, League Against Cruel Sports

EU must end suffering

The revision of the European animal experiments directive is reaching a critical point, with the EU Council meeting on Monday to discuss the proposals.

Animal experimentation is an issue which attracts a great deal of public concern. A recent survey in the UK, France, Germany, Sweden, Italy and the Czech Republic found very large majorities wishing to see bans on the use of primates, cats and dogs, as well as on research causing severe suffering or which is not for life-threatening human illnesses.

The public also wants to see extensive information about animal experiments, with only personal and confidential information withheld.

Unfortunately, politicians seem intent on ignoring the public. The latest proposals would allow the use of primates, cats and dogs – as well as other animals – for just about any purpose; allow suffering which is both severe and long-lasting, even for primates; allow individual animals to be repeatedly reused, including where they have already experienced severe suffering; severely limit the circumstances in which available non-animal alternatives have to be used; absolve governments of the responsibility of scrutinising proposals for safety-testing, no matter how trivial the product; allow needless duplication; and only require limited openness and after-the-event review of projects (to enable lessons to be learned for the future).

The EU is capable of much better. The current process is highly secretive and most MEPs have no idea what is being done in their names.

There is still time for the EU to bring itself back in line with public opinion and vote for modern, humane science and we urge it to do so.

Michelle Thew, chief executive, BUAV

Easing pain of arthritis

For most of us, Christmas is a time for getting together with the family, celebrating with friends, eating wonderful food and exchanging presents.

But for many of the UK's nine million people with arthritis, it can be a surprisingly lonely time. Some people who are severely affected by the condition may be housebound in icy weather, while others are isolated by their own pain and the depression it causes, even when surrounded by people.

Arthritis doesn't go away for Christmas, and just because someone doesn't complain or is not obviously in pain doesn't mean they are not suffering inside.

I'm proud to say Arthritis Care is opening its help lines for extra days during the holiday. This special Santa service means that people who are cut off by pain or loneliness can pick up the phone and get real support from someone who understands.

So, if you or someone in the family has arthritis, do keep Arthritis Care's free number – 0808 800 4050 – nearby. It could make a real difference in a moment of need. I wish all your readers a very happy Christmas.

Jane Asher, president, Arthritis Care

Register your interest

There are 4,000 children in care every year needing adoption. This may sound daunting but progress is being made in finding them families.

Last year, 268 children were matched with prospective adopters through the adoption register for England and Wales. We are also celebrating the 1,000th child matched through the register.

BAAF arranges Adoption Exchange Days which are a chance for approved adopters to come together with social workers from across the country who can talk to them in detail about the children waiting in their area. If you would like to find out if there is an event nearby, or if you are simply interested in finding out more about adoption, please visit www.bemyparent.org.uk.

Mo O'Reilly, director of child placement, British Association for Adoption & Fostering

Homophobic Christmas

We were very disappointed to visit CO2, Canterbury's first real gay bar, to find a 'To Let' notice on the building and only one other customer in the bar for the length of our stay.

Only the usual warm welcome and friendly conversation from Scott the barman made us stay for more than one drink.

At Pride in Canterbury we had great hopes for CO2, but we knew attracting custom would be far from easy. Yet sadly, as far as we are aware, little effort has been made to promote the bar. Its opening aroused much hostility from residents, but apart from publicity about this, we have seen nothing advertising CO2 in either the local or gay press.

We presumed a major effort would be made to attract customers for Christmas and the New Year, yet, there were minimal Christmas decorations in the bar and no posters advertising activities and entertainments over the festive season.

Tragically, it seems an important opportunity for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community to grow has been wasted. Because of fear and lack of self-esteem, there are many closeted lesbians and gay men in Canterbury and the council makes little effort to set them free. The council has ignored our requests to send a clear message that they believe it is all right for the LGBT community to be out and proud in the city and that it welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Until they do this, businesses and ventures that strive to serve and help build up the LGBT community will find it difficult to succeed. The city's many homophobes must think Christmas has already arrived.

Andrew Brettell, Pride in Canterbury

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Shirley in the Green Room

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BY **CLARE GRANT**

From On The Buses and Rentaghost to bygone era of elegance and lunch with added sauce

MANY PARTS: From left, Shirley Robbins as theatre director; children's TV star in Rentaghost; and on stage as Marlene Dietrich

ITS director describes the show as "a mixture of elegance and cor blimey" – and for one afternoon you can be transported to a bygone era.

Tomorrow you can join the Green Room Theatre Company for lunch in Southborough's Victorian Theatre, followed by a matinee performance of Upstairs Downstairs. Can things get more civilised?

Director Hal Dyer, also known as Shirley Robbins, said: "Edward VII may join us, with some of his glamorous lady friends, including Liza from Pygmalion."

The programme also promises appearances by Oscar Wilde and Peter Pan, songs from The Merry Widow, music by Elgar and saucy songs from music hall. As in previous years, the show has a historical theme.

Mrs Robbins said: "It's set like an Edwardian dining room party, with a bit of this and bit of that. Lovely costumes, but not much scenery, as we have to get in and out very quickly."

Previous shows have had a Victorian theme, in keeping with the theatre's history – It was originally a science theatre built by Victorian entrepreneur David Salomons.

Another year saw Mrs Robbins on stage as the actress and singer Marlene Dietrich in the World War Two-themed London Pride.

The format of this year's entertainment is a lunch, starting at 1pm, and then the audience stay at their tables for the 3pm show.

"It's great for those bringing older relatives," says Mrs Robbins, "so you don't have to move into theatre seats."

She described the show as traditional entertainment, adding: "I'd like to hear that the audience enjoyed it, and that it made them feel Christmassy in the nicest possible way. People tend to come back."

Yorkshire-born Mrs Robbins trained in Birmingham and was a member of Sir Barry Jackson's Birmingham Rep, which nursed such talents as Laurence Olivier, Julie Christie and Peggy Ashcroft.

She is well known in her home village of Lingfield as the driving force behind the Green Room Theatre Company.

She said: "We're all professional people – we do things when we're resting. We go in anywhere people ask us. We don't have a building, but we go to the National Trust, Hever Castle, the Bluebell Railway. We sometimes hire a theatre, but they're very expensive."

The company has just completed a season of entertainments above a coffee shop in the village. Hal was married to the late Michael Robbins, who played the irascible Arthur in 1970s sitcom On The Buses. He was often recognised in the street, according to Mrs Robbins.

"Arthur was very gruff and cockney and grumpy, but Michael had a lovely speaking voice. People were surprised when he spoke – 'Why are you talking like that?' – they thought he was putting it on."

Mrs Robbins appeared alongside her husband in one episode of On The Buses, and has had roles in A Man for All Seasons, Beauty and the Beast with Jeremy Brett, Emergency Ward Ten, Crossroads, Compact and The Bill.

She also played the long-suffering Rose Perkins in the much-loved children's comedy Rentaghost, which ran between 1976 and 1984. "I met Jeremy Swan, the director of Rentaghost, at a party. He said: 'I've got a nice little part coming up.'"

Mrs Robbins explained that the day she auditioned, Molly Weir, who played the heavily accented Hazel McWitch, wasn't around.

"So I did it Scottish, but they said, 'For Heaven's sake, don't do that,' and that's how Rose Perkins ended up Welsh."

More recently Mrs Robbins took a part in a 2007 Bollywood production directed by Vipul Amrutlal Shah, titled Namastey London.

The romantic comedy is the story of two British-born Asians bucking against their parents' wishes.

"I played a snotty racist aunt whose niece wants to marry an Indian. I said awful things to them both, but it was great fun to be asked to do it."

An ongoing project is her show about Victorian actress Ellen Terry. It has been through several versions and been performed at venues including Terry's Tenterden home, Smallhythe, Chequer Meade in East Grinstead and also in the United States.

She explained: "It's been called Enter Ellen Terry, and then Love and Ellen Terry, because she had lots of love affairs.

"She was a comfortable lady, married to three men and had two illegitimate children."

So what is the fascination with Ellen Terry? "She was the Madonna of her age. Every advert featured her – there was Ellen Terry soap. She wasn't a glamour girl, but when she entered the room, you knew it."

Mrs Robbins, who hopes to pass on her passion for Shakespeare to the next generation, coaches a youth drama club in Heathfield: "I try and give them some modern allusions. It can be great fun."

Next year promises more treats for her and for her audiences. She is determined to carve out time for an adaptation: "But I don't want to talk about that," she said firmly.

And she has a one-woman show, called Name Dropping, in the offing. "In the nicest possible way, it's slightly autobiographical," she said.

• Celebrate an Edwardian Christmas with Upstairs Downstairs in the Victorian Theatre, David Salomons Estate, Broomhill Road, Southborough, on Sunday. The carvery luncheon starts at 1pm and the matinee at 3pm. Tickets are £25. Book through the Green Room Company box office: 01342 870526.

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Alf's hooked on panto

THE boy who never grew up will be captivating audiences at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells this Christmas.

In this year's family pantomime, Peter Pan invites people to join him on a magical journey into Neverland, which is populated by weird and wonderful characters. But danger looms at every turn and audiences will need to be ready to shout a warning when the terrifying villain appears.

The baddie of the piece has travelled from the other side of the world to be in the show. Ray Meagher (pictured) is best known for playing Alf Stewart in Australian soap Home and Away, but this Christmas he is donning the wig, coat and scary prop to play the wicked Captain Hook.

Having played Alf since the soap began in 1988, Meagher has been in the Guinness World Records as the longest-serving actor in a serial.

Meagher began his career as a television actor before landing a number of roles in films such as Breaker Morant, Newsfront and My Brilliant Career. His role as the villainous Captain Hook will be a far cry from all the drama of life in Summer Bay, as he enters the magical world of Neverland.

His hapless sidekick Smee will be played by Christopher Pizzey, who will be familiar to television viewers as Mr Stephen from the Basil Brush Show. He appeared as a main character in four series of the hugely popular children's programme and is currently starring in the new Planet Ajay on CBBC.

Jessica Punch plays Peter Pan, with Lucy Johnson as the charismatic fairy Tinkerbell. Mrs Darling is played by Sarah Jane Buckley, who appeared as Cathy Barnes in the teen drama, Hollyoaks. The Nitwits will be adding some acrobatic flourish to the Pirate Crew, adding yet more excitement to a pantomime that promises plenty of swashbuckling, laughter and magic.

Since Peter Pan's first appearance in the 1900s, JM Barrie's creation has enchanted readers of all ages and generated a number of films, plays and pantomimes. The magical tale of the boy who never grew up remains a perennial favourite and audiences will find themselves caught up in the Assembly Hall's captivating Neverland.

Peter Pan opens today and runs until January 3, 2010. Ticket prices start at £12.50 with concessions and group rates available. To book, call the box office on 01892 530613/ 532072 or visit the box office at www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

Cinders will go to the ball in fairy-tale show

CINDERELLA becomes the belle of the ball when the classic pantomime is staged in Tonbridge this week.

Tonbridge Performing Arts and director Connie Turner present a glitteringly festive show, telling the timeless story that never fails to enchant audiences of all ages.

Enslaved by her wicked stepmother and ugly sisters, and with only her good friend Buttons for comfort, Cinderella dreams of a happier life.

Her dreams could be about to come true when Prince Charming announces that he will choose his bride at a spectacular ball. With a little help from Buttons and her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella makes it to the ball.

This is the last time Connie Turner will produce the pantomime, after raising more than £100,000 for various charities over the years.

Cinderella will run at the Angel Centre in Angel Lane, Tonbridge, from Thursday, December 17 to Saturday, December 19. Tickets cost £7/£6. To book, call the Angel Centre on 01732 359966.

Youth choirs invite you to sing along

YOUNG voices will be raised in celebration this Christmas at two concerts by Kent Youth Choirs.

Audiences have the chance to hear talented young singers perform, and even join in the festive songs at the events, which take place over the next few weeks. With two programmes of traditional carols and seasonal numbers on offer, the concerts will be the perfect way to get into the festive spirit.

Tonight the Junior Choirs will be performing at All Saints Church in Maidstone, where they will be joined by the Barbershop Singers for a fantastic evening of Christmas songs and carols. The audience will be invited to join in at certain points during the concert.

The Junior Choirs are made up of the Junior Singers, Junior Choir and Kent Girls Choir. Aged from eight to 16, the young singers show great promise and are sure to give an impressive performance.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are only available on the door. Admission costs £6 at full price.

Anyone who would like to see the Senior Choirs in action will need to travel to Faversham, where they will be performing at the St Mary of Charity Church at 7.30pm on Monday, December 21.

For more information about joining the choirs or any of Kent Music's County Groups, call 01622 691212 or visit the website at www.kent-music.com.

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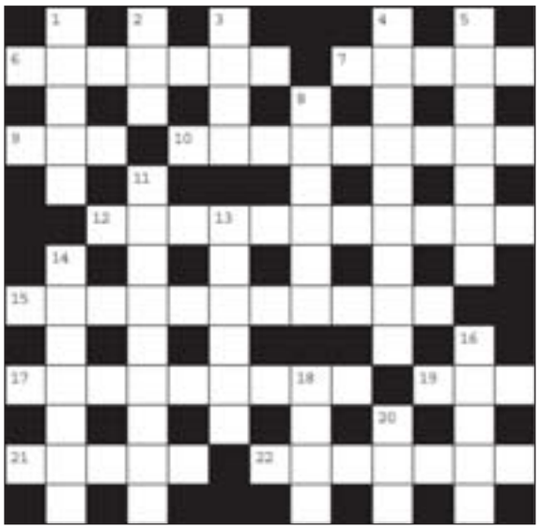

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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

6. He's unwilling to give credit (7)
7. Grasping workers (5)
9. A swimmer returning for shelter (3)
10. An all-round measure (9)
12. A decisive manual exhibition (4,2,5)
15. Good driving helps when going round them (4,7)
17. Distribution coming to an end? (6,3)
19. A short-cut (3)
21. Cab he orders to the seaside (5)
22. Sort I used to find boring (7)

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Down

1. It's driven home in a roundabout way by its driver (5)
2. A place in which man's pains may be alleviated (3)
3. Snack an angler looks forward to? (4)
4. He takes steps to help others (9)
5. Items put in a literary supplement (7)
8. Act in a disagreeable manner (6)
11. Measure husks first for the bird (9)
13. It's said that two of them don't make one right (6)
14. I have a discussion about a kind of tree (7)
16. Go up in public transport intended to take in others (5)
18. Customs applications (4)
20. It may come at the end of the service (3)

QUICK CLUES

Across

6. Particular (7)
7. Antic (5)
9. Yell (3)
10. Renewed (9)
12. Censure (11)
15. Cheeky (11)
17. Incessant (9)
19. Jocund (3)
21. Postscript to a poem (5)
22. Shyness (7)

Down

1. Lean (5)
2. Champion (3)
3. Stun (4)
4. Supreme (9)
5. Widespread (7)
8. Ticket (6)
11. Way (9)
13. Temporary (6)
14. Confiscate (7)
16. Bisect (5)
18. Summit (4)
20. Gamble (3)

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS 364: Across: 7 Strangulation; 8 Workaday; 9 Ills; 10 Sports; 12 Antics; 14 Adders; 16 Errand; 18 Smug; 20 Electors; 22 Put up the price. Down: 1 Stropped; 2 Banker; 3 Aged; 4 Playmate; 5 Strict; 6 Pool; 11 Suspects; 13 Contract; 15 Egg-cup; 17 Return; 19 Maud; 21 Ever. **QUICK SOLUTIONS 365:** Across: 6 Special; 7 Caper; 9 Cry; 10 Renovated; 12 Disapproval; 15 Impertinent; 17 Continual; 19 Gay; 21 Envoy; 22 Reserve. Down: 1 Spare; 2 Ace; 3 Daze; 4 Paramount; 5 General; 8 Coupon; 11 Direction; 13 Acting; 14 Impound; 16 Halve; 18 Apex; 20 Bet.

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Master of the fame game

BY **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

PETE Waterman shares much in common with his "best mate" Simon Cowell – they're both music moguls who have helped to bring TV talent shows to the masses.

But while Cowell's X Factor is pulling in the ratings on Saturday nights, Waterman walked away from its predecessor Pop Idol after the second series.

Waterman insists he has no regrets in leaving reality TV and letting Cowell take up the reigns: "I wouldn't want to be Simon Cowell for all the tea in China, because he works 20 hours a day, seven days a week, he runs a team of probably more than 1,000 people."

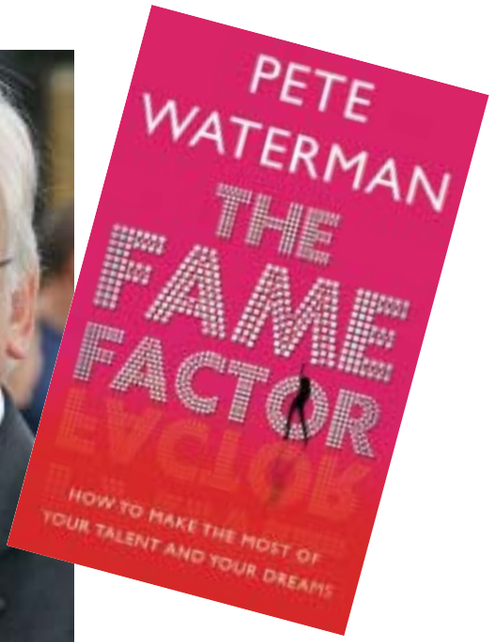
He even takes great pride in the fact he's one of the few who doesn't watch the X Factor: "Simon's my best mate, so I don't want to slag this show off and I can't because I haven't seen it. I've only ever seen clips. But I don't feel my life is incomplete because of it."

Meeting Waterman today, the no-nonsense multi-millionaire record producer from Coventry is still as brash and brazen as he was when he was dubbed Pete 'Slaughterman' for his frank verdicts as a judge on Pop Idol.

That show produced Will Young and Gareth Gates but when a then-tubby Michelle McManus won the contest, an outraged Waterman walked off in disgust: "You only had to look at her to know she was not a pop idol. Anyone who puts weight on during this competition ain't no pop idol."

Waterman, 62, who made his pop music fortune in the 80s with partners Mike Stock and Matt Aitken and produced hit songs for Kylie Minogue, Rick Astley and Steps, may not watch the X Factor but he certainly has an opinion on it. He believes none of the winners of Pop Idol or the X Factor will be remembered in 10 years' time.

NOT SO BRIGHT LIGHTS: Pete Waterman warns wannabes there's a darker side to fame



"Do you remember who was Number One in 1953? I can tell you it was David Whitfield. Do you care? No. They're not made to last. But Simon will still be around – that's what the show's about."

Waterman can't resist sharing his thoughts on showbusiness and has now brought out a mini manual for pop wannabes called, ironically, The Fame Factor, featuring advice on how to make the most of your talent.

Could it save a lot of heartbreak for no-hopers in future years?

"I'm hoping the daughters give it to their mums and their mums decide not to put their daughters on the stage, Mrs Worthington," says Waterman.

"There's a serious message that all that glitters is not gold. Fame is a two-edged sword and you've got to be prepared that you can stab yourself with it.

"Take Rick Astley. He had the world at his feet and turned his back on it because he found fame too obtrusive. Simon Cowell is the opposite. The more fame he gets, the better he likes it."

Fame is a job now and people can be paid a lot of money for it, he reflects.

"Television looks glamorous, it looks fantastic, they see you pull up in big cars and at fabulous parties, yachts in the south of France, flying all over the world.

"What they don't see is that most of it is hard work and grief."

Waterman has been married – and divorced – three times and has admitted that his passion for work didn't help his relationships.

While he says he doesn't crave the fame Cowell has acquired, work seems to be Waterman's lifeblood: "My life is filled with work. If I go out in the evening, it's work. I'm a workaholic but work is the most enjoyable thing I've ever done."

He doesn't plan to cut down his workload, although he forces himself to take some time out: "I go train-spotting or to a model railway show. The old story is that you can never have too much money, but there comes a point where you get to an age where you're happy with what you've got. I've never done this for money.

"That's were Simon and I are vastly different. I'm interested in doing what I want to do and being paid enough to be able to continue to do that."

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY **JANE CONNOLLY**

Winter warmer

ON A cold, rainy December day, the George and Dragon in Westerham was a sight for sore eyes.

Like all the best English pubs, this 16th century coaching house is dark, creaky and oozes character. Adorned with its festive decorations, the pub is even more welcoming this month and I was quite envious of the lucky people who had already claimed the deep leather sofas by the big Christmas tree, in front of a roaring fire.

We were greeted by a barman who directed us to a table, giving us a choice of spots, and we received prompt and friendly service. Although the pub was busy and we had been warned there was a 30-minute wait for food, I believe we were tucking in within 20 minutes.

We went straight for main courses and, in the mood for something relatively light, I ordered the wild mushroom and spinach tart, with vegetables and new potatoes (£9.75).

I am not a vegetarian but I am always interested to see how good the provision is in restaurants and although the George and Dragon only had two options, they both seemed tempting. The tart was nice, with light pastry and good flavours, though it could have done with a little more sauce to prevent it becoming dry.

My companion ordered the steak and ale pie (£10.45), also served with potatoes and vegetables, though when he requested mashed potatoes instead they were happy to oblige. The pie was tasty with big chunks of steak swimming in a good amount of ale, though he felt the gravy could have been a little thicker. Again, the pastry was light and delicious, which made the dish feel like a proper winter warmer without the heaviness often found in other restaurants.

Although my companion felt there were not enough vegetables, for me it was just the right amount and left me full without leaving anything on the plate.

For dessert, I chose the strawberry cheesecake with ice-cream (£4.45), which was nice enough but a bit strong on the strawberry sauce and did not really need the ice-cream. My companion went for the homemade treacle sponge and custard (£4.45), which was light and tasty without appearing to be saturated in treacle.

The atmosphere was busy without feeling crowded and the staff were all very welcoming. The traditional wood-dominated interior felt cosy and warm, while the toilets were clean and well-kept, successfully managing to blend smart modern decor without banishing the pub's rustic feel.

The bill came to £42.30, including drinks and coffee, for a very pleasant lunch. Combined with a visit to Westerham's independent shops, our experience at the George and Dragon made for a lovely afternoon.

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Rents set to rise as letting numbers fall

BY **JAMES BENJAMIN**

A DROP-OFF in the number of rental properties coming onto the market is set to have a knock-on effect of hiking up prices in the New Year.

The prediction comes from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and its residential lettings survey for October 2009. It says surveyors expect to see rent rises as the number of rental properties coming onto the market fell for the first time since January 2008.

The recent pick-up in the housing market seems to have led to a drop-off in the number of rental properties, particularly houses, being made available and as a result surveyor optimism has increased for the first time since July 2008.

According to the survey, 22 per cent more surveyors expect rents to rise rather than fall in the next three months.

A spokesman for the RICS explained: "The drop-off in supply is the main driver for the more positive sentiment, with new instructions reaching their lowest levels since the survey was first conducted back in 1998.

"A net balance of 11 per cent of surveyors are seeing the number of new instructions coming onto the market falling rather than rising.

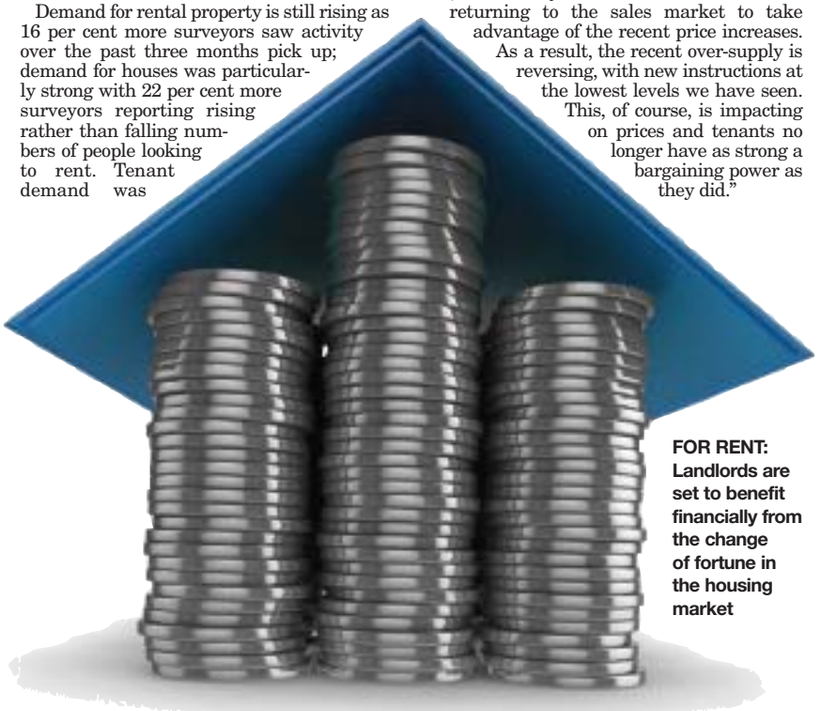
"This is in stark contrast to levels seen late last year when the housing market was still suffering from falling prices and many would-be sellers were turning to the lettings market when their houses failed to sell.

"Currently, the reading for past rents, although still negative, is the least so since July 2008 with only four per cent of chartered surveyors still reporting falling rather than rising rents, indicating that the downward pressure on rents is already starting to ease."

Significantly, London and the North are already seeing the majority of surveyors reporting price rises over the past three months.

Demand for rental property is still rising as 16 per cent more surveyors saw activity over the past three months pick up; demand for houses was particularly strong with 22 per cent more surveyors reporting rising rather than falling numbers of people looking to rent. Tenant demand was strongest in London, but increased in most other parts of the country bar the east.

The spokesman added: "It seems the current upward trend in the housing market is having a more significant effect on the lettings market, with many of the accidental landlords returning to the sales market to take advantage of the recent price increases. As a result, the recent over-supply is reversing, with new instructions at the lowest levels we have seen. This, of course, is impacting on prices and tenants no longer have as strong a bargaining power as they did."



FOR RENT: Landlords are set to benefit financially from the change of fortune in the housing market

South east leads way in recovery

ON THE UP: London and the south east show significant price rises

HOUSE prices in the south east and London are helping fuel a recovery in the house market, according to the latest figures.

A report from Hometrack showed nationwide prices were up 0.2 per cent in November.

This is the fourth consecutive increase in house prices and brings the year-on-year rate of growth to -2.9 per cent.

However, Richard Donnell, Hometrack's director of research, notes that the recovery is largely confined to this region.

He explained: "Over the last six months, London and the south east have seen the largest number of postcodes registering price rises – values are up across 78 per cent of London and over half of the south east.

"Further price rises could result in an increase in the time to sell as stronger pricing meets greater resistance from would-be buyers whose numbers are also growing more slowly."

A Nationwide report revealed house prices rose by 0.5 per cent in November – the same rate as in October. It brings the average house price now to £162,764 – a similar level to early 2006.

Year-on-year price inflation went up from two per cent to 2.7 per cent, but the more reliable three-month trend dropped to 2.8 per cent from 3.5 per cent in October and 3.8 per cent in September.

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OUTSKIRTS OF HURST GREEN
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One of two attractive Detached Properties in the process of construction, located in a convenient location close to Etchingham Mainline Railway Station and within walking distance of Hurst Green village with local Shops, Restaurants and services. The house should be ready for occupancy in the New Year and will feature under-floor heating on the Ground Floor. Comprising: Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Conservatory, fully fitted contemporary style Kitchen, Cloakroom, Integral Garage with electric door, Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room, Three further Double Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. The well proportioned Garden to the rear will be landscaped and feature a large Terrace. Off Road Parking. Ten year NHBC warranty against structural defects.

RURAL GOUDHURST
£495,000 FREEHOLD

This picturesque attached Country Cottage is positioned in an idyllic quiet rural location between the sought after villages of Goudhurst and Horsmonden. The well proportioned accommodation comprises: Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room (both with Fireplaces), Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, Two further Double Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Planning permission has been granted for a Two Storey Side Extension. The pretty mature Gardens of approx. 0.33 of an Acre are ideal for the 'Green Fingered' purchaser. An added feature is a Detached Office Suite which also offers excellent Annexe potential subject to planning. Paddock Wood has a Department Store, Waitrose & Mainline Trains to London. Cranbrook School Catchment Area.

HORSMONDEN VILLAGE
£549,950 FREEHOLD

A hidden Gem. This Detached period Cottage is surprisingly UNLISTED and believed to date back to circa C18 with later additions. The well proportioned accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall/Sun Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Boot Room, Study, Four Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. The pretty, mature Gardens feature a Pond and various Lawned Areas, are totally secluded and wrap around the property. There are 2 Separate Parking Areas as well as a Detached Double Garage with recently lapsed planning for conversion into a One Bedroom Annexe. The Cottage is located within walking distance of the Shops, Village Green and the much sought after Village Primary School. Paddock Wood has a Waitrose Supermarket & Mainline Rail Services into Central London.

STAPLEHURST VILLAGE
£595,000 FREEHOLD

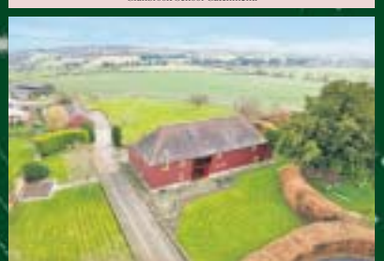
Situated on a quiet, no-through Lane within walking distance of the Shops & local Country Inns, this unique Grade II Listed period Cottage has been restored and beautifully presented to provide an elegant combination of contemporary meets traditional living. Comprising: Reception Hall, Sitting Room featuring Inglenook, Cloakroom, Bespoke Oak Kitchen with AGA and Granite tops, Dining Room with Inglenook, Conservatory, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, 3 further Bedrooms & a Family Bathroom. Externally the Lawned Gardens amount to approx. 0.38 Acre and feature a stocked Pond, various seating areas, a Detached Double Garage, Utility Room and Office. The Garden backs on to gently rolling countryside. Staplehurst provides Mainline Trains into London. Cranbrook School Catchment.

RURAL HORSMONDEN
£695,000 FREEHOLD

This absolutely stunning Grade II Listed attached Oast is truly irresistible. It has been sympathetically converted into a stylish modern home with period charm as it still displays many fine period features. The light and bright accommodation has good ceiling heights and comprises: Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Dining Room with Granite Worktops, Sitting Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and Shower Room, Four Further Double Bedrooms, a contemporary Family Bathroom and a galleried Study/Bedroom 6. The Garden wraps around the side of the Oast and backs onto open countryside. There is a Detached Double Car Port and Parking. Situated in a rural yet accessible location between the sought after villages of Horsmonden and Yalding.

RURAL HORSMONDEN
£695,000 FREEHOLD

Your search is over! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to create your ultimate dream home - subject to planning permission - in this spectacular rural idyll! The Detached Bungalow Plot extends to some 2 Acres benefiting from being off the beaten track with the most stunning views of the surrounding countryside. Flexible accommodationcomprises: Entrance Hallway, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 2 Reception Rooms, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Further Buildings include a Detached Open Double Garage and a substantial Detached Outbuilding (once a Cold Store) that could offer Annexe/conversion potential subject to planning. The location is truly idyllic, and makes this property is an absolute must see! Paddock Wood offers Mainline Rail Services to central London.



HORSMONDEN CHURCH
£895,000 FREEHOLD

Set in a wonderfully elevated position, enjoying commanding views over the Kent countryside, this handsome Grade II Listed Barn conversion offers well-proportioned accommodation in a secluded enclave surrounding the Medieval Church on the rural outskirts of the historic Village of Horsmonden. Dating back to circa 1500, the Barn has retained much of its rustic charm. Comprising: Reception Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Boot Room, Utility, Shower Room, Master Bedroom Suite, 4 further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Just under an Acre of lovely Lawned Gardens and Terraces surround the property and to the rear there is a Five-Bay Open Garage. Nearby Paddock Wood provides a Waitrose and Mainline Station with Services to London.

RURAL LAMBERHURST
£1,250,000 FREEHOLD

For those seeking a character country home with the benefit of good quality secondary accommodation for either a high yielding rental income or for family, this property has two beautifully presented 2/3 Bed Cottages, separate from the main dwelling. The capacious and well presented Oasthouse has 2 Roundels and 2 Square Kilns and comprises: Entrance Hall, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Study, Cloakroom, 4 Double Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms. There is also an inviting Swimming Pool and Pool House in Gardens and Grounds of approx. 2 Acres that enjoy fine far reaching views plus ample off road Parking and a Double Garage. Tucked away off the A21, enjoying excellent Road connections to the Motorway(s). Within Cranbrook School Catchment Area.

RURAL MATFIELD
£1,400,000 FREEHOLD

This idyllic rural retreat is located in an extremely peaceful location off a quiet country lane, still within easy driving distance of the A21. The well presented character accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, fitted Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Principal Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom and Two further Rooms (currently used as Offices). Four further Bedrooms, a Family Bathroom and Attic Storage Room. The Gardens are beautifully landscaped and include a Kitchen Garden with a Greenhouse. There is ample Parking and a Detached Double Garage. Add to this Two Paddocks - making a total of some 2.59 Acres. Nearby Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge have Mainline Rail Services into Central London.

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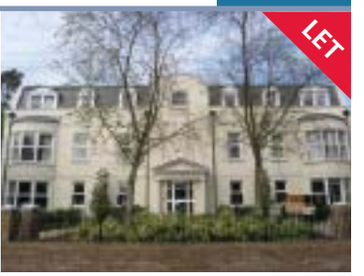

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Independent skills

YOUNG disabled people with mobility needs will be able to learn skills on how to live independently at a new three-day course.

Kent County Council's Short Breaks Transformation Programme, in partnership with Whizz-Kidz and Dorton House Campus at Seal, is running the Life Skills Camp on February 17-19, 2010. The closing date for applications is December 18.

The short break is open to all physically disabled young people from year 9 and up who attend a mainstream Kent school, to make new friends, have fun and build confidence.

The project will run at the Dorton House Campus, and a charge of £40 is required towards the course costs.

For information contact Phillippa Gillespie at Whizz-Kidz on 020 7798 6125 or email p.gillespie@whizz-kidz.org.uk.

Galloping to victory

A STUDENT has reached the final of a prestigious agricultural competition.

Sarah Craighill, who received first class honours in equine management at Hadlow College in Tonbridge, made the finals of the Eqvalan Duo Thesis of the Year competition run by the Royal Agricultural Society of England and sponsored by Merial Animal Health.

She was one of five students to be selected to give a presentation to judges and stormed to success after discussing the internal workings of horses in relation to their injuries.

The dramatic way to beat unemployment

By **MARIJKE COX**
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A GROUP of young people are producing a sitcom as part of a Government-funded scheme to get them into work.

The six-strong team, made up of Neets – people not in education, employment or training – will have the opportunity to apply for jobs through the programme and receive training and mentoring.

It is being run through the Sheppey Arts Foundation Enterprise (SAFE) which was awarded funding from the Department for Work and Pensions as part of the Government's Future Jobs Fund, which looks to create jobs for people aged 18-24 in long-term unemployment.

The foundation will produce a sitcom, called Park Life, which will create around 10 jobs, including fashion designer, make-up artist, digital media editor and runners.

Manager of SAFE Tony Duke said the funding will also assist other projects, creating a total of around 30 jobs which they hope to make sustainable. "People will be able to apply through Jobcentre Plus and hopefully these jobs will be for the long-term," he said. "There will be some for Park Life, but we have other projects we are working on that we will need people for."

JOBS: The sitcom needs staff in roles such as make-up artist and digital media editor

Digital media students from the University of Creative Arts in Maidstone and industry professionals will help train and mentor the Neets involved in Park Life.

They will be trained in web design, script editing, camera operation, post-production and business skills.

Mr Duke hopes this will equip them with the skills and confidence to find employment and to make then more desirable to employers.

"Although the training budget is limited we have made good links with the local universities and can access the doorstep learning programme to provide added value for our trainees," he said.

Scriptwriters Steve Cunningham and Matt Purnell came up with the sitcom, which is set in a caravan park.

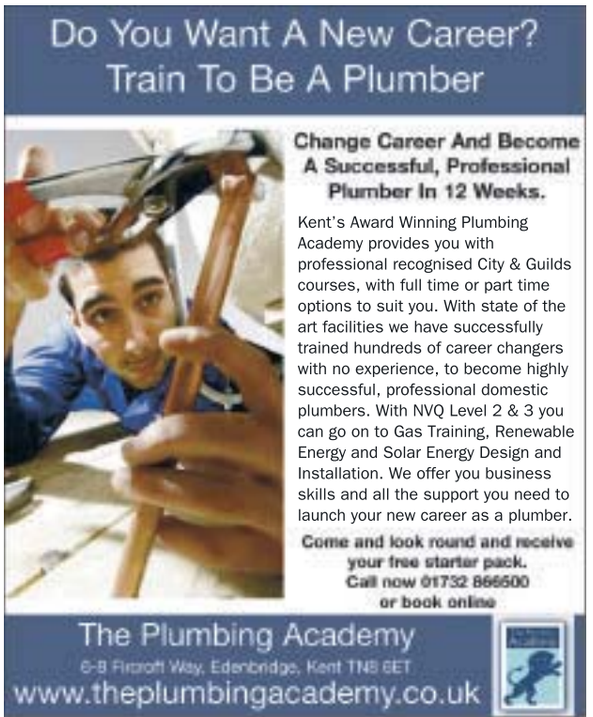
Auditions were held in Minster in Sheppey for volunteer actors to take on characters in the production.

Mr Duke, who co-founded SAFE, said it is an exciting opportunity for young people to show what they can achieve.

SAFE is a social enterprise set up with the help of Business Link South East and has a number of projects in development.

It was set up earlier this year by Mr Duke, international singing coach Sue Kemp, professional singer Roy Leslie and ex-offender Ross Walker. It started after Mr Duke heard singers performing in a local bar and decided to help talented individuals.

For more about applying for jobs at the foundation see www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk.



Recognition for support service

A CAREERS service for young people has scooped an award for its groundbreaking research into careers education.

Connexions Kent and Medway, which provides free and confidential advice for 13 to 19-year-olds, won the research by an organisation award in partnership with the Warwick Institute for Employment Research at the National Career Awards 2009.

The charity was recognised for its work on how information about careers is delivered across schools and colleges. The findings showed the important role high-quality labour market information (LMI) plays in helping young people make decisions about their futures.

Connexions and the Warwick Institute developed a range of LMI resources and teaching materials called Work for Tomorrow to help teachers deliver effective information.

WELL DONE: Connexions won the research by an organisation award

Gordon Bernard, chief executive of Connexions Kent and Medway said: "We have now won three national awards for our work in career guidance, demonstrating the innovation of the service we offer to Kent and the talents of our staff."

He added that Professor Jenny Bimrose at the Warwick Institute for Employment Research and her team helped turn the idea into a reality.

Prof Bimrose stressed the importance of the work carried out: "Connexions Kent and Medway should be congratulated for its far-sighted investment into research to support the provision of world-class services throughout the county."

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Early Years Visual Impairment Play Specialist

Ashford
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Closing Date: Midday, 6th January 2010
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Quoting Job Ref: CFE/09/0552
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Sales People

Kent
Salary: TBA
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Black Tie Foods Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 760484
Email blacktie@btconnect.com

Account Handler/Administrator

Dover
Salary: £18,000 - £20,000 pa
Closing Date: 18 December 2009
To apply/more information:
Acorn Marketing
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jennifer@acorn.uk.net

PUBLIC NOTICES

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

SHENLEY ROAD, SMARDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Shenley Road, Smarden between the junction with Bell Lane and 'West Hoy Farm', on or after 17 December 2009 for an estimated period of 2 days or until the works are complete.

There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions of Bell Lane and White House Lane. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bell Lane, A274 Biddenden Road and Shenley Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Highfield Road, Ripley Road and Wotton Road, Ashford, as shown below. The Order is due to commence on or after 14 December 2009 with the planned works being carried out on or after the dates shown. Adverse weather may affect the dates the works are carried out.

Road Name: Highfield Road, Ashford
Extent: between the junctions with Sevington Lane and Ealham Close
Dates: 18 December 2009 for up to 2 days during off peak hours
Diversion: Highfield Road, Church Road and Sevington Lane

Road Name: Ripley Road, Ashford
Extent: from the junction with Highfield Road to outside number 19 Ripley Road
Dates: 6 January 2010 for up to 2 days during off peak hours
Diversion: Ripley Road, Evans Road, Collard Road, Luckhurst Road and Highfield Road

Road Name: Wotton Road, Ashford
Extent: between the junctions with Tennyson Road and Malcolm Sargent Road.
Dates: 5 January 2010 for one night
Diversion: Wotton Road, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford Road, Romney Marsh Road and Malcolm Sargent Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

WELL STREET, LOOSE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Well Street, Loose on or after Monday 14th December 2009 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is for eastbound traffic via Forstal Lane, Stockett Lane, New Cut, Busbridge Road, Well Street and for westbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new electricity supply. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Mark Apps of Murphy Limited on 07920 150842.

YALDING BRIDGE, YALDING
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Yalding Bridge,Yalding. This order will come into effect on or after Sunday 3rd January 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

B2026 MILL HILL AND HARTFIELD ROAD, EDENBRIDGE
(50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the Order will introduces a 50mph speed limit on following length of B2026 Mill Hill and Hartfield Road from the existing termination point of 30 mph speed limit (15 metres south of the southern boundary of the property known as "Clare's" to the East Sussex border approximately 3.4 miles).

The Order was sealed on 8 December 2009 and will come into force 21 December 2009.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

B2231 LOWER ROAD, MINSTER-ON-SEA
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on the B2231 Lower Road (Forty Acres Hill), Minster-on-Sea, from the roundabout junction with Thistle Hill Way to the junction with Scocles Road. This is scheduled to commence on or after 15 December 2009 for an estimated period of one night or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Lower Road, Barton Hill Drive, Minster Road, High Street (eastbound only), Back Lane and Scocles Road.

SELLING ROAD, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Selling Road, Faversham, from the bridge over the M2 motorway for a distance of 150 metres northwards, on or after 14 December 2009, for an estimated period of one day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A2 Canterbury Road, A251 Ashford Road, Newhouse Lane, Winding Hill, Featherbed Lane, and Selling Road.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

09/03659/HOUSE Weavers Mill Street, Benenden
- Demolition of existing single storey extension. Construction of single storey extension and porch (amendments to TW/08/00943) and internal alterations (LB)

09/03662/LBC Weavers Mill Street, Benenden
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of existing single storey extension. Construction of single storey extension and porch (amendments to TW/08/00939) and internal alterations (LB)

09/03718/LBC Hazelden Farm Marden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of three sets of garage doors from Hazelden Barn garages; removal of internal divisional walls; replacement of modern brick pillars with green oak (LB)

09/03719/FUL 35 High Street Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Conversion of ground floor back to living accommodation (CA) (LB)

09/03724/LBC Bird In Hand Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent - Re-tile front wall and pitched roof, incorporating insulation; repair chimney (LB)

09/03725/LBC 35 High Street Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed building consent - Conversion of ground floor back to living accommodation (LB

09/03685/HOUSE Triggs Farm Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst
- Two-storey rear extension with chimney and conservation rooflights and insertion of a new window at each of ground floor and first floor level in the existing east (side) elevation of the dwelling (LB)

09/03688/LBC Triggs Farm Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Two storey rear extension with chimney and conservation rooflights and insertion of a new window at each of ground floor and first floor level in the existing east (side) elevation of the dwelling (LB)

09/03736/FUL Bakers Farm House Barn Ladham Road, Goudhurst
- Change of use of barn to self catering holiday accommodation (LB)

09/03769/FUL Church Room Back Lane, Goudhurst
- Replacement of a PVCu window with a fully glazed PVCu door. New timber decking play area with timber fencing around the perimeter (LB) (CA)

09/03519/HOUSE 6 The Hawthorns Talbot Road, Hawkhurst
- Conservatory to rear (CA)

09/03578/LBC 1 Pixhall Cottages High Street, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Satellite receiving mini dish at base of chimney to rear (LB)

09/03750/LBC 17 Berkeley Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed building consent - To retain bare bricked chimney breast (works carried out) (LB)

09/03753/HOUSE Oakdene House Camden Park, Pantiles & St Marks
- Construction of brick based greenhouse (CA)

09/03717/FUL Old Bothy Lodge Pembury Road, Park
- Demolition of existing single storey lodge incorporating loss of some trees and erectior of four bedroomed house with associated landscaping (CA)

09/03720/CAC Old Bothy Lodge Pembury Road, Park
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing single storey lodge incorporating loss of some trees (CA)

09/03696/HOUSE Wynberg Back Road, Sandhurst
- Single storey side and rear extension (CA)

09/03702/TELN5 Land At Jct Old Place Lane And Bodiam Road, Sandhurst
- Telecommunications notification: six new wooden 9m poles with associated ducting and cabling (MAST)

09/03570/FUL Flat 2 North Wing Sissinghurst Castle, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Change of use of flat from domestic dwelling to office and laying of new communication cables/ducting (LB)

09/03575/LBC Flat 2 North Wing Sissinghurst Castle, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use of flat from domestic dwelling to office (LB)

09/03709/LBC Bettenham Manor Bettenham Lane, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Listed Building Consent - Replacement of internal and external staircases (EIA)

09/03744/HOUSE Sissinghurst Place Biddenden Road, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Two storey side extension (CA)

09/03512/HOUSE 2 School Cottage Church Road, Southborough North
- Shed in rear garden (CA)

09/03684/CAC 2 Castle Street Southborough, Southborough North
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of covered yard and workshop building (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 12 December 2009

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

THE A21 TRUNK ROAD (TONBRIDGE TO PEMBURY DUALLING)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AND RIGHTS BETWEEN TONBRIDGE AND PEMBURY IN KENT

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has prepared in draft the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling) Compulsory Purchase Order (No) 20 under sections 239, 240, 246 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980. He is about to make this Order, and if made, the Order will authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to purchase compulsorily the land and the new rights described below for the purpose of :-

a) the construction of the new trunk roads between Tonbridge and Pembury in the Parishes of Southborough in the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling and Capel, Pembury and Southborough in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells, all in the County of Kent in pursuance of the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling) Order 20..;

b) the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in those Parishes and Boroughs in pursuance of the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Side Roads) Order 20..;

c) the improvement of the Trunk Road in those parishes and boroughs;

d) the diversion of watercourses and the execution of other works on watercourses in connection with the construction of the new trunk roads, the construction and improvement of other highways and the execution of other works mentioned above;

e) use by the Secretary of State for Transport in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and the execution of other works mentioned above; and

f) the mitigation of any adverse effects which the existence or use of the highways proposed to be constructed or improved will have on their surroundings.

Copies of the draft Order and of the map referred to therein, together with copies of the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling) Order 20.. and the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge to Pembury Side Roads) Order 20.. have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours from 11 December 2009 until 5 March 2010 at the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ; Tonbridge Library, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1TG; Pembury Library, The Hop House, Hemwood Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4HS; Tunbridge Wells Library, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NS; Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS; Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Gateway, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BG and Kent County Council Reception, Invicta House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Any objection to the draft compulsory purchase order must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State at the offices of the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Room 2A, Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ to arrive before 5 March 2010 and should state the title of the Order and quote reference HA Ha/065/023/58. It should give the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interest in the land. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection, it should be borne in mind that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it.

The contact for further information relating to this notice is Mr Graham Link (01306 878122 : graham.link@highways.gsi.gov.uk)

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND THE NEW RIGHTS

Table 1

NOTE: (a) The land comprised in each item in this description is identified on the plan referred to in the draft Compulsory Purchase Order by means of the number or numbers shown in brackets against that item in this description.

(b) References to ownership are references to ownership or reputed ownership at the time of preparation of the draft Compulsory Purchase Order and are stated only for the purpose of identification of the land.

In the Parish of Capel in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Woodland south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass and east of Vauxhall Lane, rights to enter to enable construction and maintenance of a balancing pond, landscape mitigation planting and maintenance all on land owned by **Mr F P and Mrs M J Banfield** (Plots 1/1a, 1/1b and 1/1c); Part of A21 Tonbridge ByPass and woodland eastwards from Vauxhall Road Bridge and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and southeast of Top Lodge at Castle Hill owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plots 1/2e, 1/2f, 1/2g, 1/2h, 1/2j, 1/2k, 1/2l, 1/2m and 1/2n); Part of existing track off Vauxhall Lane south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass serving properties around Forest Farm owned by **Forest Farm Services Limited** (Plots 1/4c, 1/4d, 1/4e, 1/4f, 1/4g, 1/4h, 1/4j and 1/4k); Woodland, agricultural land south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass and east of Vauxhall Lane, right to enter for all purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of a balancing pond and landscape mitigation planting and maintenance all on land owned by **Woodland Investment Management Limited** (Plots 1/5a, 1/5b, 1/5c, 1/5d, 1/5e, 1/5f, 1/5g, 1/5h, 1/5j, 1/5k, 1/5l, 1/5m, 1/5n and 1/5o); Agricultural land south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass east Vauxhall Lane right to enter for all purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of a balancing pond and landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Mr and Mrs D G King** (Plots 1/6a, 1/6b, 1/6c, 1/6d, 1/6e, 1/6f, 1/6g, 1/6h, 1/6j, 1/6k, 1/6l, 1/6m, 1/6n, 1/6o, 1/6p, 1/6q and 1/6r); Part of existing driveway to Fish Lodge northeast of A21 Tonbridge By Pass at Castle Hill owned by **Mr M S Clarke** (Plot 1/7a); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road at King's Standing, part of existing access track to Castle Hill Wood owned by **Glendridge Estates Limited** (Plots 1/8a, 1/8b, 1/8c, 1/8d, 1/8e, 1/8f and 1/8g); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road at King's Standing owned by **Mr M S Uddin** (Plots 1/9a, 1/9b and 1/9c); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road at King's Standing owned by **Mr A P and Mrs K A Patel** (Plot 1/10a); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr W M Netto and Mr C G Netto** (Plots 1/11a, 1/11b and 1/11c); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr J J Cooney** (Plots 1/12a and 1/12b); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr M G Patel & Mrs U Patel** (Plots 1/13a and 1/13b); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr S Jarmakani** (Plots 1/14a and 1/14b); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr A A Kazma** (Plots 1/15a, 1/15b, 1/15c and 1/15d); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr J Patel** (Plot 1/16a); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr I D Braisby** (Plot 1/17a); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Mr A Sanson** (Plot 1/18a); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road northwest Castle Hill Wood owned by **Tiara Limited** (Plots 1/19a and 1/19b); Woodland south A21 (T) Pembury Road forming part of Castle Hill Wood, woodland west of A21 (T) Pembury Road at Well Wood and part FP 192A, right to enter for all purposes in connection with the construction and maintenance of a cut slope strengthened by ground anchors, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **The Trustees of the John Malcolm Guthries 1965 Settlement Castlehill Woodland and Well Wood** (Plots 1/20a, 1/20b, 1/20c, 1/20d, 1/20e, 1/20f, 1/20g, 1/20h, 1/20j, 3/2a, 3/2b and 3/2c); Woodland and part access to estate and Top Lodge north A21 (T) Pembury Road, Woodland forming part of Burgess Rough north A21 (T) Pembury Road, residential property and garden known as Burgess Hill Cottage, agricultural land northeast A21 (T) Pembury Road at Castle Hill, part woodland, woodland track and agricultural land east A21 (T) Pembury Road at Potters Wood, agricultural land west A21 (T) Pembury Road and Carpenters Cottage right to enter for all purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of a balancing pond and landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **The Smith & Williamson Trust Corporation Limited and GSE Trustees Limited** (Plots 1/21a, 1/21b, 1/21c, 1/21d, 1/21e, 1/21f, 1/21g, 1/21h, 1/21j, 1/21k, 1/21l, 2/3a, 2/3b, 2/3c, 2/3d, 2/3e, 2/3f, 3/1a, 3/1b and 3/1c); Property and garden known as Burgess Hill Farmhouse, part equestrian manege northeast A21 (T) Pembury Road at Castle Hill owned by **The Secretary of State for Transport** (Plots 1/22a, 2/1a and 2/1b); Agricultural land, tree plantation east A21 (T) Pembury Road south of Burgess Hill Farm, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Ms R C Teacher** (Plots 2/2a, 2/2b, 2/2c, 2/2d, 2/2e, 2/2f, 2/2g, 2/2h and 2/2j); Agricultural land west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north FP 192A owned by **Mr J D Tyler** (Plots 3/8b and 3/8c)

In the Parish of Southborough in the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling in the County of Kent

Woodland and verge to existing track south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass and east of Vauxhall Lane owned by **Mr F P and Mrs M J Banfield** (Plots 1/1d and 1/1e); Woodland and verge to existing track south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass and east of Vauxhall Lane right to enter for all purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of a balancing pond and landscape mitigation planting and maintenance owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plots 1/2a, 1/2b and 1/2c); Verge to existing track east of Vauxhall Lane and South of A21 Tonbridge By Pass owned by **Mrs A D Tyler and Ms B F Bursell** (Plot 1/3a); Part of existing track off Vauxhall Lane south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass serving properties around Forest Farm owned by **Forest Farm Services Limited (C/o Mr J P Milgate)** (Plots 1/4a and 1/4b); Agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road east Vauxhall Lane, right to enter of agricultural land south of A21 (T) Pembury Road south Vauxhall Lane to re-grade and reduce the land levels as a flood compensation area on land owned by **Mr J D Tyler** (Plots 1/23a and 1/23b)

In the Parishes of Southborough in the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling and Capel in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Woodland south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass and east of Vauxhall Lane owned by **Mr F P and Mrs M J Banfield** (Plot 1/1f); Part of A21 Tonbridge By Pass eastwards from Vauxhall Road Bridge owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plot 1/2d); Agricultural land south of A21 Tonbridge By Pass east Vauxhall Lane owned by **Mr and Mrs D G King** (Plot 1/6c)

In the Parishes of Capel and Pembury in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Part existing track east A21 (T) Pembury Road at Potters Wood owned by **The Smith & Williamson Trust Corporation Limited and GSE Trustees Limited** (Plot 2/3g); Woodland south A21 (T) Pembury Road forming part of Castle Hill Wood on land owned by T**he Trustees of the John Malcolm Guthries 1965 Settlement Castlehill Woodland and Well Wood** (Plot 2/4a); Woodland and agricultural land west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Castle Hill Farm owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plots 2/5a and 2/5b)

In the Parish of Pembury in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Part agricultural land east A21 (T) Pembury Road at Potters Wood, part existing farm track off Dislingbury Road east A21 (T) Pembury Road, part Dislingbury Road and verges at junction with A21 (T) Pembury Road, woodland east A21 (T) north and south of Pembury Walks, existing farm access track east of A21 (T) Pembury Road north of Longfield Road, woodland east of A21 (T) Pembury Road and east of Tonbridge Road, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance owned by **The Smith & Williamson Trust Corporation Limited and GSE Trustees Limited** (Plots 2/3h, 2/3j, 2/3k, 2/3l, 2/3m, 2/3n, 2/3o, 2/3p, 2/3q, 2/3r, 2/3s, 2/3t, 2/3u, 4/7a and 4/7b); Woodland and verge east A21 (T) Pembury Road north of Dislingbury Road, Dislingbury Road Woodland and verge east A21 (T) Pembury Road north of Pembury Walks, part Pembury Walks east A21 (T) Pembury Road, part of existing A21 (T) Pembury Road and Tonbridge Road junction east of A21 (T) Pembury Road, woodland south of Knights Park Road and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plots 2/5a, 2/5b, 2/5c, 2/5d, 2/5e, 2/5f, 2/5g, 2/5h, 2/5j, 2/5k, 4/5b, 4/5c, 4/5h, 4/5j and 4/5k); Woodland west of A21 (T) Pembury Road at North Lodge south of FP WT 192A, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Mr F E Newham and Mr H Gillow** (Plots 3/3a, 3/3b, 3/3c, 3/3d, 3/3e and 3/3f); Property known as North Lodge and garden to property west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by **Mrs P Mundy** (Plot 3/4a); Part existing track west of A21 (T) Pembury Road south of North Lodge, part of access track west of A21 (T) Pembury Road forming part of property known as Colebrooke, Woodland west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Longfield Road, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Gardena Ltd** (Plots 3/5a, 3/5b, 3/5f, 3/5h, 3/5j, 3/5k, 3/5l, 3/5m, 3/5n, 3/5o, 3/5p, 4/1a, 4/1b, 4/1c, 4/1d, 4/1e, 4/1f, 4/1g and 4/1h); Part of woodland garden to property known as Garden Cottage west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by **Mr G Russell & Mrs J Russell** (Plots 3/6a, 3/6b, 3/6c, 3/6d, 3/6e, 3/6f, 3/6g, 3/6h, 3/6j, 3/6k, 3/6l and 3/6m); Part of garden to property known as The Coach House west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by Mr **R J Lamb & Mrs J M Lamb** (Plot 3/7a); Agricultural land east of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Yew Tree Farm owned by **Ms R C Teacher** (Plots 4/2a, 4/2b, 4/2c and 4/2d); Woodland west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Longfield Road owned by **Mr J D Tyler** (Plot 4/3b); Property and outbuildings known as Middle Lodge north of Longfield Road and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by **Mr M Greenwood & Mrs M Greenwood** (Plot 4/4a); Woodland east of A21 (T) Pembury Road and west of Tonbridge Road owned by **Kilmartin Property Group Limited** (Plot 4/6b)

In the Parishes of Pembury and Southborough in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Part existing track west of A21 (T) Pembury Road south of North Lodge, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Gardena Ltd** (Plots 3/5c, 3/5e and 3/5g); Agricultural land west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Longfield Road owned by **Mr J D Tyler** (Plots 4/3a, 4/3c and 4/3d); Woodland south of property known as Middle Lodge west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Longfield Road owned by **Mr M Greenwood & Mrs M Greenwood** (Plot 4/4b); Part of Longfield Road and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plot 4/5a); Woodland west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and south of Longfield Road owned by **Kilmartin Property Group Limited** (Plots 4/6a and 4/6o)

In the Parish of Southborough in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Part existing track west of A21 (T) Pembury Road south of North Lodge owned by **Gardena Ltd** (Plot 3/5d); Agricultural land west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and south FP 192A, agricultural land west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and north of Longfield Road owned by **Mr J D Tyler** (Plots 3/8a, 3/8d , 4/3e, 4/3f, 4/3g, 4/3h, 4/3j, 4/3k, 4/3l and 4/3m); Part of existing Longfield Road west of A21 (T) Pembury Road, part of Knights Park west of A21 (T) Pembury Road south of Longfield Road owned by **West Kent Division of Kent Highway Services** (Plots 4/5d, 4/5e, 4/5f and 4/5g); Woodland south of Longfield Road and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road, woodland and existing track west of A21 (T) Pembury Road and south of Longfield Road, Woodland known as Robingate Wood south of Longfield Road and west of A21 (T) Pembury Road, right to enter for all purposes connected with landscape mitigation planting and maintenance on land owned by **Kilmartin Property Group Limited** (Plots 4/6c, 4/6d, 4/6e, 4/6f, 4/6g, 4/6h, 4/6j, 4/6k, 4/6l, 4/6m, 4/6n, 4/6p, 4/6q and 4/6r)

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In the Parish of Capel in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

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In the Parish of Pembury in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent

Forestry Commission (Woodland) (2/3l, 2/3m, 2/3n, 2/3o, 2/3p, 2/3q, 2/3s, 2/3t, 2/3u, 4/2a and 4/2d); The Woolwich (Mortgagee) (3/6a, 3/6b, 3/6c, 3/6d, 3/6e, 3/6f, 3/6g, 3/6h, 3/6j, 3/6k, 3/6l and 3/6m)

PAUL ARNOLD
Senior Project Manager

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 AND 2009.

REGULATION 17 – NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE MATTERS AND STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS UNDER REGULATION 17: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION SERVICE STRATEGIES IN KENT DOCUMENT, KENT COUNTY COUNCIL. (2009).

On the 30th March 2009 the County Council formally approved the Draft Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategies document as Supplementary Guidance, for public consultation.

The purpose of this Supplementary Guidance is to:

- Provide the evidence base to inform the preparation of Local Development Documents, by Local Planning Authorities, concerning those service delivery matters which are the statutory responsibility of the Kent County Council.
- Inform interested parties of those projects which the County Council proposes to implement within the next 3 to 5 years in accordance with its Medium Term Financial Plan and of the likely requirement for financial contributions from central government and the private sector to support such provision.

The guidance sets out the national context for the provision of community services: primary and secondary education; youth services; adult education; libraries and archives; and adult social services and then explains how this framework will be applied in the delivery and management of particular projects and services in the districts/ boroughs in the County Council's administrative area, (which excludes Medway unitary area), to ensure the development of sustainable communities pursuant to Planning Policy Statement no.1. The document will be updated periodically to reflect new and emerging requirements based on proposals in Local Development Documents as they are adopted by district planning authorities.

The guidance has been prepared pursuant to the advice in paragraph 6.3 of Planning Policy Statement 12 which permits County Councils and other administrative bodies, to produce information in support of and to inform the preparation of LDD's by Local Planning Authorities. The PPS advises that such guidance should be subject to the same provisions of publicity and adoption as required by Regulations 17 and 18 of the Town and Country Local Development (England)Regulations 2004 (as amended) following which it may be regarded as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and planning appeals.

The statutory consultation period will commence on 9th December 2009 and will end on 20th January 2010.

You are invited to participate in the preparation of this guidance by commenting on the document. Copies of the document can be viewed/downloaded from the Council's web site at www.kent.gov.uk/publications/community-and-living/guide-to-development-contributions.htm .

The draft Community Infrastructure Provision Supplementary Guidance and a copy of the relevant SD matters and Statement of consultation, will be available for inspection at the Kent County Council's principal office, County Hall, Maidstone; District Council main offices; and main libraries in the County, during normal office hours. Local Libraries will also have direct access to the County Council's web site where this information may be reviewed. The Guidance is also available on request, from the postal or e-mail addresses shown below.

Representations on the Guidance should be made in writing to the address below:

Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategies in Kent

Supplementary Guidance Consultation
Development and Investment Team
Regeneration and Economy Division
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XJ

Or via e-mail to: DIT.CIP.Responses@kent.gov.uk

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of the adoption of the Supplementary Guidance. The Council must receive representations no later than 5.00pm on 20th January 2010.

Development and Investment Team
Chief Executive's Directorate
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME141XJ

December 2009.

Kent County Council

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/02849/FL – The Nursery Taylors Lane Trottiscliffe West Malling Kent – Mrs P Valler is applying for a replacement agricultural building comprising a workshop and office facilities; replacement of glasshouse with 2 polytunnels; and revised parking and access. Reason: CA

TM/09/02791/FL & TM/09/02792/LB – The Walnut Tree North Meadow Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NU – Dr Christopher Goat is applying for conversion of barn to single bed dwelling. Reason: LB

TM/09/02826/LB – 2 The Laurels Addington Green Addington West Malling Kent ME19 5BB – Mr P Annis is applying for conservatory (Resubmission of TM09/02068/LB). Reason: LB CA

TM/09/02834/FL & TM/09/02912/LB – 56 Town Hill West Malling Kent ME19 6QN – Mr B Dyer is applying for replacement single storey rear extension and alterations to roof. Reason: LB CA HH

TM/09/02853/LB – The Angel Inn Addington Green Addington West Malling Kent ME19 5BB – Mr Graham Bayfield is applying for Listed Building Application: Removal of old signs & fixing of new. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/02736/FL – Land West Of Aylesford Cold Store Forstal Road Aylesford Kent – Mrs Sara Sime is applying for new scout hut and equipment store. Reason: GPI

TM/09/02886/FL – Elmhurst Bates Hill Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HB

– Mr Stephen Spendlove is applying for construction of garden deck (retrospective). Reason: CA HH

TM/09/02916/FLX – Ivors High Cross Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NR

– Mr Dominic Lowres is applying for renewal of extant planning permission TM/07/02472/FL: Conversion of barn to single storey residential unit. Reason: CA

TM/09/02862/FL – The Nook The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HG

– Mr Steve Wentworth is applying for refurbishment and extension. Reason: HH CA LB

TM/09/02867/FL – Windmill House Windmill Hill Wrotham Heath Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7SX – Mr And Mrs W Garrett are applying for replacement dwelling. Reason: HA

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB	Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA	Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
GPI	Application is of general Public Interest
HA	Site is over 1ha.
HH	Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 3 January 2010.

David Hughes
Chief Executive
13 December 2009

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Under the Council's Constitution, each month the Leader of the Council will prepare a forward plan containing details of the key decisions to be made by the Cabinet during the four month period following its publication. Each plan will contain a list of documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration in relation to the key decisions on the plan, although other documents not listed in the plan may also be considered. The dates when the forward plans will be published are 17 December 2009 and 15 January, 12 February, 17 March, 16 April, 17 May, 16 June, 16 July, 17 August, 16 September, 15 October, 16 November and 17 December 2010.

Copies of the Council's constitution and of each forward plan will be available for inspection by members of the public free of charge during normal office hours at the Council's principal office at Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ and at Tonbridge Castle. The forward plan is also viewable on the Council's website.

DAVID HUGHES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Insolvency Act 1986
REFRACTIVE CONSULTANTS LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 5512112

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, Ian Douglas Yerrill and Bernard Hoffman both of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Buisness Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 2 December 2009.

I Yerrill and B Hoffman, Joint Liquidators

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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A)

LAND AT OXLEY SHAW LANE LEYBOURNE

Notice is hereby given that Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council intends to dispose (leasehold disposal) of an area of land to Leybourne Parish Council – Leybourne Community Group for the construction of a play area, at Oxley Shaw Lane Leybourne. (as identified on the plans which are available for inspection at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council offices at the address below) which consists of part of an open space.

Objections to the intended disposal of land must be made in writing and addressed to:

Katie Iggulden (BSC HONS) MRICS
Estates Services Manager
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
Gibson Building, Gibson Drive
Kings Hill, West Malling
Kent, ME19 4LZ

By no later than 4 January 2010
Dated the 13 day of December 2009

DAVID HUGHES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Nissan seeking Cube route to sales solution

By **STEVE LOADER**

NOBODY would call the Nissan Cube pretty.

Even Nissan describes the boxy newcomer as a "bulldog in sunglasses".

But sunglasses hint at the car's cool image and, make no mistake, this is a cult king in waiting; for those who need more space than current cool cars like the BMW Mini or Fiat 500, this may be the answer.

Due to hit the market here in January and priced from a not unreasonable £14,000, the car is a phenomenon on Nissan's home market; the original launched in Japan 10 years ago and we are getting the third generation model.

While the Cube has become increasingly sophisticated over that decade, the design repeats a 'wheel-at-each-corner' format of long wheelbase relative to overall length – at 2.53m, it is shorter than a Ford Fiesta supermini – and wide track, boding well for passenger and load space.

Nissan – now the UK's largest carmaker – claims the Cube seats five in "lounge-like comfort". A sliding rear bench can be raised 'theatre'-style for those behind to look over the heads of those in front.

Generous light from big vertical windows is enhanced by a large sunroof – a Japanese-style 'shoji' rice paper shade is an option available for this – and MPV appeal is boosted by lots of stowage ideas.

But if the exterior is 'cuboid', Nissan designers worked hard to ensure the interior features as many curves as possible.

The car will launch with a 108bhp 1.6-litre petrol engine – CO2 151g/km and £150/year road tax – averaging around 42.8mpg, with a 1.5-litre diesel to follow next May and the hint that an all-electric Cube might follow the concept model aired at several motor shows.

For extra ease of use in the Cube's likely urban environment, it is also available with a CVT (continuously-variable transmission) auto gearbox.

The Cube's long awaited UK arrival will be marked by the first 100 examples sold being LDN special editions, finished in a unique 'bitter chocolate' colour with matching suede interior. Priced from £14,600, the LDN also comes with climate control, rain sensing wipers and auto headlamps.

This marketing move hints at Nissan's desire to make the Cube a potentially lucrative customising star like the Mini, Fiat and even Kia's similarly characterful Soul, while exclusivity will be boosted by the fact that just 2,000 will be imported to the UK during 2010.

Advance interest is being stoked by a newly-opened Cube store in London for previewing the car and holding associated events.

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09/09	Insignia 2.0 SRI CDTi 160 PS Automatic Estate E/Front and rear Windows, 20" Alloys Glaciar White	P.O.A
09/58	Insignia 2.0 SE CDTi 160 PS 5dr H/B, Too much spec to list please call Soverign Silver Under 12K	£16,495
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09/58	Insignia 1.8 Exclusive 5dr H/B + Pack C.D, A/C, Alloy wheels, Front Fog Lights Star Silver Under 16K	£12,995
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08/58	Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr H/B C.D, MP3, A/C, Electric windows, Alloys, fog lights, Silver, Under 11K	£6,495
09/09	Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr H/B Auto C.D, MP3, A/C, Electric windows, Alloys, fog lights, Yellow Under 5K	£7,495
09/09	Aveo 1.2 S 3dr H/B C.D, MP3, E/Front windows, A/C, Silver, Under 3K	£5,695
09/09	Aveo 1.2 LS 5dr H/B C.D, MP3, Electric windows, A/C, Blue	£6,995
09/59	Matiz 0.8SE Automatic 5dr H/B C.D Electric Front windows PAS, Black	POA
09/09	Chevrolet Matiz 1.0 SE 5dr H/B C.D Electric Front windows PAS A/C, Silver	£5,995
05/55	Matiz 1.0 SE 5dr H/B C.D Electric Front windows, PAS, Jazz Blue, Under 32K	£3,995

Other Makes Selection

05/55	Ford Fiesta Style 5dr H/B C.D, A/C, Remote CDL, Automatic, Red, Under 34K	£4,875
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Compiled by STEVE LOADER

New Year and new look for CR-V

HONDA has revised and re-positioned its British-built Honda CR-V – the new-look SUV arrives next month, though order books are open now.

It now has the new 150PS (148bhp) 2.2-litre diesel from the latest Accord, with an eagerly awaited auto gearbox option, while the line-up now has new bumpers and front grille, better sound deadening around the engine and cabin, upgraded interior fabrics and plastics, a new audio console and higher spec levels.

Combined or average fuel consumption remains around the same as before for the manual diesel at 43.5mpg, but emissions are much reduced.

The 148bhp 2.0-litre petrol CR-V is unchanged from before – combined consumption is 34.4mpg (manual) 33.6mpg (auto).

Prices for the new-look range start at £20,175, with diesels from £22,135.

Big change for latest Kia Sorento

KIA will have a radically different Sorento in showrooms by early February.

The Korean brand has morphed the car from bargain-priced proper off-roader into sleekly-styled crossover, though you can bet it will still be keenly priced.

No longer a 'body on chassis' design – virtually a prerequisite for capable off-roading – the Sorento has become a one-piece body for better on-road refinement, while retaining limited 4x4 capability on tricky terrain.

The car may also appear later with a hybrid powertrain, offering a cheap alternative to the Lexus RX, which has had the 'green SUV' sector to itself so far.

Tight-fisted Focus

IT IS astonishing how competitive the green motor market is becoming.

Aware that VW now has an ultra-frugal and road tax exempt Golf BlueMotion on sale, Ford has revised its Focus ECOnetic miser.

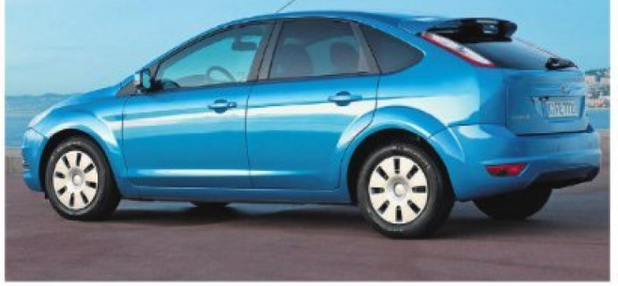
However, you must spend £500 on the optional auto start-stop system to enable the Ford to virtually match the VW with an official combined fuel figure of 74.2mpg and a zero road tax 99g/km of CO2 emissions figure.

This takes the Ford to £19,995 compared with the £2,000 cheaper VW, which doesn't need start-stop either to escape road tax, but discounts on the latter are unlikely to be as tempting as those on the Focus.

And the Ford has other eco tricks, apart from the start-stop system that shuts down and then automatically re-fires the 109bhp 1.6-litre diesel engine when halted by traffic lights or heavy traffic.

Firstly, it's the first Ford to feature 'Eco Mode' as standard, to educate the driver towards better fuel economy.

Secondly, it can recover energy from braking to recharge the battery – as on some hybrids and most BMWs – saving engine power and fuel driving the alternator.



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09/09	Corsa 1.3CDTi Active 5dr HIB C.D, A/C, E/Front Windows, Choice of Colours Del Mileage	£13,525	£2530	£10,995
09/09	Corsa 1.3CDTi Active 3dr HIB C.D, A/C, E/Front Windows, Star silver Del Mileage	£12,755	£2760	£9,995
09/09	Corsa 1.2Life A/C 5dr HIB C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags, Air Con Choice of Colours,		£8,395	
09/09	Insignia 1.8 Exclusive 5dr H/B Plus Pack C.D, A/C, Alloy wheels, Front Fog Lights, Sovereign Silver Del Mileage	£18,460	£3965	£14,495
09/09	Astra 1.6 Active 5dr H/B C.D, A/C, E/Front windows, Sovereign Silver Del Mileage, New List Price	£17,440	£5445	£11,995
09/09	Agila 1.2 Design 5dr HIB C.D, A/C, E/Front windows, Choice of Colours Del Mileage	£13,945	£3964	£8,495
08/58	Corsa 1.3CDTi SXi 5dr H/B C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags A/C Sunroof Silver Lightning Under 9K			£8,595
06/56	Corsa 1.2 Club 3dr H/B C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, A/C Black Sapphire Under 52K			£5,995
08/58	Corsa 1.2Life A/C 3dr H/B C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags, A/C Star Silver Under 17K			£6,995
09/59	Corsa 1.2Life A/C 5dr H/B C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags, A/C Choice of Colours			£8,395
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08/58	Corsa Design 1.4 5dr HIB C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags, E/Front windows, Auto lights, A/C Black Under 12K			£9,795
08/08	Corsa 1.4 Design 5dr H/B C.D, Remote CDL, ABS, Airbags, E/Front windows, Auto lights, A/C Silver Under 10k			£9,795
07/57	Tigra 1.4 Exclusive C.D, A/C, Alloys Antigua Blue Under 21K			£10,495
08/08	Astra 1.8 Design Twin Top C.D, MP3, ABS, Alloys, A/C, Sports Seats, Black Sapphire Under 14K			£12,395
08/08	Astra 1.8 Design Twin Top C.D, MP3, ABS, Alloys, A/C, Sports Seats, Star Silver Under 17K			£11,595
08/08	Astra 1.6 SRi Sport Hatch C.D, MP3, ABS, Alloys, A/C, Sports Seats Black Sapphire Under 18K			£9,395
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Other Makes Selection

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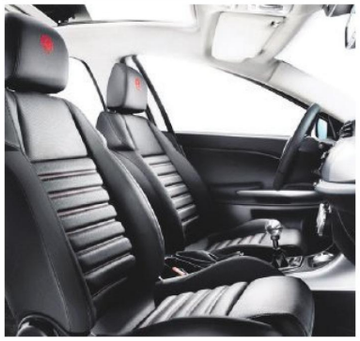

Classy name to head Alfa centenary charge

by STEVELOADER

UNLIKE the sporting image of the brand, there has been hesitancy about when we would see a long-awaited replacement for the ageing Alfa Romeo 147.

But the Italian brand now says it will be at least late spring 2010 – the marque's centenary year – before the Alfa Romeo Giulietta arrives in showrooms.

Fans have already waited a long time for the return of an evocative name, first applied to a pretty coupe (1954-65) still regarded as one of the great Alfas.

Unfortunately, the name was then dragged down by appearing on a saloon produced from 1977-85, though few appeared here due to a poor record on rot and reliability.

The resurgent brand will hope the third Giulietta – a five-door Ford Focus class hatchback this time – restores lustre to the classic name though.

It certainly has the distinctive style of 'new-age' Alfa that has already created the smart MiTo supermini, classy 159 saloon and sporting estate and the awesome 8C Competizione supercar.

Typically responsive handling is promised and it will also carry the Alfa DNA system seen on the MiTo, which allows the river to select a chassis, steering and power set-up according to mood and road conditions.

Four turbocharged engines will be available at launch, all fitted with a standard start and stop system for reduced consumption and emissions: two 1.4-litre petrol engines of 120 and 170bhp and two diesels, one of 105bhp and 1.6-litre plus a 170bhp 2.0-litre.

A 235bhp performance flagship is promised for later and all versions will come with a Q2 electronic differential to ensure well-behaved power application through the front wheels.

New 'E' upholds Mercedes-Benz safety tradition

HAVING raised the bar on executive car safety so often in the past, crash test top marks for the latest Mercedes-Benz E-Class was something of a 'must win' for the German marque.

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These not only included impact configurations prescribed for various tests around the world, but also those derived from M-B's own accident research data.

The marque started its famous crumple zone research in 1939, though the intervention of World War Two delayed its appearance in a production car until 1959, before going on to appear in all modern cars.

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Yeti 'find' can cash in on

DrivingReview

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Skoda Yeti

HAVING steered a modest course since revival with VW at the tiller, Skoda has headed off into the rough stuff with the new Yeti.

Of course, it's smart marketing to name a rugged looking SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle) after the fabled abominable snowman of the Himalayas, but the label also underlines how Skoda has yomped out of its comfort zone.

It was probably not meant to be like that; when the Yeti concept was unveiled in 2005, the SUV sector was hot property and Skoda could see lucrative possibilities.

But fast forward to the recent Yeti launch in the face of recession and environmental worries that have bogged down SUV sales and you wonder if the Czech marque has made the first false step of its modern era.

And the existing model line-up fitted a conservative consumer that has made Skoda one of the best brands for customer satisfaction, but are they Yeti buyers?

Those needing a wheeled holdall were already well catered for by the clever Roomster mini-MPV. It's cheaper, roughly the same length as its new sister and you can even buy a rugged Scout version, though it comes with front-wheel drive only.

But then Skoda expects most Yeti sales (from £13,775) to be the same format rather than the full 4x4 versions also available, starting at £17,220.

It sounds like the Yeti could be as rarely seen as its namesake though and Skoda itself predicts a modest 3,000 sales for 2010.

On the other hand, it reckons there are many Yeti conquest customers out there, ranging from family hatchback and small MPV buyers looking for something different, through to smooth, but pricey 'soft-roaders' like the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V and chunkier SUVs like the Suzuki Grand Vitara.

But the real target is the new 'crossover' SUV/MPV sector identified by Nissan with the Qashqai, attracting new customers and transforming that marque's image at a stroke.

If Skoda can 'do a Nissan' then it can bin that modest 2010 forecast.

The five-door Yeti is more upright in design than the Qashqai, but looks classy and robust and the mainstay engine options are VW 2.0-litre diesels of 110, 140 and 170bhp output, with the 110 expected to be the biggest seller and the latter pair confined to the 4x4 format.

The entry option is a turbocharged 105bhp 1.2-litre petrol model that makes up for small capacity with consequent lower weight and lots of urge and modest consumption.

The one to avoid is the 160bhp 1.8-litre petrol engine fitted to the 4x4 tested here; it's a great drive with plenty of go and refinement, but thirsty in comparison to the diesels.

It is hard to fault the Yeti otherwise. As you would demand from a car that might need to

Qashqai's appeal

go off-road, the cabin utters not a creak of poor construction or quality.

The interior is nicely understated and typically well-organised and equipped for the money with clever storage such as the collapsible boot bin. The cloth upholstery is a bit drab – leather seating is available and would be the icing on the cake – but ride and comfort is high. Even the rear seats rake for extra lounging appeal or accommodation of a child seat.

They are also split into three and can be tumbled and arranged to the heart's content or even removed individually for varied and ultimate load capacity.

The Yeti delivers excellent on-road composure too; from the high 'command' driving position you get a great view without the cornering lean suffered by many lofty vehicles. So, the Qashqai faces its toughest competition yet and in a style that offers a genuine alternative.

• ***For on and off-road videos of the new Yeti go to Motors TV at www.carsforkent.co.uk.***

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SKODA YETI 1.8 SE £18,910

Driving appeal	★★★★
Image	★★★★
Space	★★★★
Value	★★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★
Road tax	£215/year
Best rival	Nissan Qashqai

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: the thirst of the 1.8-litre petrol model

NOT SURE: it is what current Skoda customers wanted

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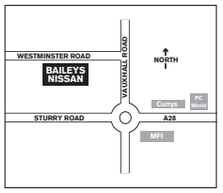

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Getting back to the land aim of Super Showcase

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IN AN era of recession and the rise of the 'staycation' – holidaying at home – rural businesses are being urged to back and benefit from a pioneering tourism campaign.

Countryside 2010 aims to encourage more local people and visitors to enjoy the rural pleasures of Kent and the south east.

It has been launched with plans to stage a two-week Super Showcase taster of events, activities and attractions, from May 29 to June 13. If successful, it could provide a blueprint for nationwide schemes.

The initiative comes from the Rural Ways Partnership, co-ordinated by Tourism South East with funding from the Rural Development Programme for England. Ordnance Survey is providing further sponsorship.

But Tourism South East official Rachel Simpson said it will rely on a team effort.

"Countryside 2010 offers rural businesses, groups and communities in Kent a unique and free opportunity to attract new interest, new business, new visitors, new members or new volunteers," she said. "Our countryside offers a huge variety of things to enjoy, but people can't join in unless they know what's out there. Countryside 2010 provides joined-up thinking for businesses and organisers to get together and show us who they are and what they do."

The National Trust, RSPB, Cycle Touring Club, British Horse Society, Ramblers' Association and wildlife trusts are also pitching in. The programme is expected to include guided walks and rides, tours and tastings, open days and activity sessions and everything from birdwatching to boat rides and paragliding to pub walks. But organisers are stressing rural businesses and organisations must be proactive, before the Super Showcase can start to be promoted.

Those who meet campaign criteria can add entries to the Countryside 2010 programme free at www.Countryside2010.org.uk.

CHERRY NICE: Brogdale Farm, Faversham, home to the National Fruit Collection, left, and Pines Gardens, at Pines Calyx, St Margaret's Bay, near Dover, are among Kent's attractions

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HIGH-speed trains have been on passenger trials in Kent since June, but the official launch this weekend is a major plus for the county's business credentials.

The new £5.8 billion HS1 network puts Kent companies and commuters within an hour of London, even if based as far away as Canterbury and Folkestone, while the county's boom town of Ashford is just 37 minutes away.

It could not be better timed as the county seeks to gain from signs it is weathering the recession.

The 140mph trains are expected to boost job creation, company relocation, property prices and the county economy in general thanks to better links with London, the rest of the UK and the Continent. Mandy Bearne of Locate in Kent said the county may have been seen as peripheral to London before: "Now we can say it most definitely is not."

Christian Miles, a partner at estate agent Miles and Barr, expected a boost to property prices, particularly in places where they have lagged, such as Thanet and Folkestone.

"Areas close to stations have held value better because of the awareness of the rail link, and that's only going to increase as time goes by," he said.

The London terminus is St Pancras, with Ebbsfleet acting as the Kent hub before the network describes a loop serving the north of the county including Medway in one direction and Ashford and Canterbury in the other. A spur from Ashford – the depot for the system – also serves Folkestone and Dover.

The most glaring omission from the network is Maidstone, but KCC has revealed plans to build a new HS1 station there.

COMMENT

BUSINESSES in Kent waited in vain this week for dramatic help from the Government's Pre-Budget Report as they battle to outlast the recession, ***writes business editor ANDY ROGERS.***

General reaction has been 'it could have been worse, but we really wanted more help', although Chancellor Alistair Darling at least reinforced hopes that he expected the economy to be back in growth for the last quarter 2009 and grow by up to 1.5 per cent in 2010.

There was distraction by PR fluff such as the one-off tax of 50 per cent on bankers' bonuses. Those lower down the salary scale may be pleased to see retribution against City fat cats, but it won't do much to accelerate recovery.

Mr Darling also shied away from public spending cuts ahead of next year's election, even though the entire country seems to recognise that something must be done – one commentator at accountancy giant KPMG described the Chancellor's PBR weapon of choice as "a butter knife rather than an axe".

Confidence

But there was some devil in the detail for Kent's business community, with Mr Darling sticking to a scripted return to 17.5 per cent VAT from the 15 per cent emergency rate – a New Year cold shower for consumer spending and commercial sourcing just as companies regain confidence.

On the other hand, the Chancellor pledged to continue allowing firms to apply to defer tax payments in cases of proven difficulty and he also mothballed proposals to increase small companies tax – it remains at 21 per cent until April, 2011.

Some companies may also benefit from extra staff without financial risk after PBR measures to find work for long-term unemployed and the introduction of funded 'internships' for undergraduates.

And the plumbing and heating sector will be pleased by Government plans to inject a further £200m nationally into the Warm Front scheme to improve home heating efficiency.

It has introduced a version of its car Scrappage scheme (homeowners can apply for help to replace inefficient boilers) and tax rebates for installation of wind turbines and solar panels.

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First-rate support is straight to the point

WINNING SMILE: Diane McInnis, left, and Lorraine Grover of Basepoint, with their KOS Media Business Challenge Award

COMPANIES need all the help they can get during a recession – exactly the sort of help on offer at a Kent business park that triumphed at the KOS Media £1 Million Business Challenge Awards.

By **MARIJKE COX**
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Basepoint Folkestone, based at the coastal town's Shearway Business Park, scooped the prestigious Service Award.

Centre manager Lorraine Grover and colleague Diane McInnis received the trophy and nearly £100,000 of media and marketing support at Marriott Tudor Park Hotel and Country Club in Bearsted, near Maidstone.

Basepoint offers support and accommodation to new and small businesses with on-site facilities, including high-speed internet access, free parking and a café.

Clients have the choice of a small unit for one to two people or larger units for established businesses, all located at the business park.

The centre is home to more than 50 licensees and the award judges were impressed by Basepoint's high level of customer focus and outstanding service. They also praised how it fostered a sense of community. Ms Grover was delighted with the commendation. "It demonstrates how committed we are to supporting businesses within our centre," she said.

"We offer a real sense of community to our licensees, who range from start-up businesses to established medium-sized companies, providing them with support, regular centre events and ensuring that we respond to queries quickly and efficiently.

"We're excited about the opportunity winning this award will bring in raising our profile and will endeavour to continue our success and commitment to Kent businesses."

The management team deal with client inquiries on everything from specific business issues to where they can buy office furniture.

Many applications for space at Basepoint's 26 centres across the South and the Midlands come from referrals by licensees, with many stating they would not have thrived had it not been for their helpful 'landlord'.

AT THE HUB: Folkestone Enterprise Centre at Shearway Business Park

Gary Smith, MD at insurance application consultants ORIAC Solutions, said business had grown since being based at the centre.

"We have moved to a larger unit three times. The transition between units was made painless due to Basepoint's flexible contract arrangements and the efficiency of their management team."

Premiere Occupational Healthcare was one of the first businesses on site after the centre was built at Shearway in 2002.

A company official said: "We firmly believe that without the opportunities and benefits afforded to us by Basepoint we might not be in the successful position that we find ourselves today."

To view, search 'Basepoint' @ yourkenttv.co.uk

Diane and Lorraine accept the Service Award from Paul Dungate of Brachers Solicitors

On-tree-preneurs get top listing

HUSBAND and wife team Tristram and Rebecca Mayhew have seen their unusual business hit the heights since launching in 2002.

And the high-wire forest adventure company Go Ape! – which runs courses at Kent's Leeds Castle and Bedgebury Forest – has now been listed for the second year running in The Sunday Times Virgin Fast Track 100 company league table.

Featured at 82, this marks it as one of the UK's fastest growing private companies, despite the recession – it averaged more than 60 per cent sales growth from 2005 until hitting the £8.5 million mark last year.

The latest win follows on from the Santander Small to Medium Size Business of the Year accolade at the National Business Awards 2009.

Go Ape! invites people to "live adventurously" through 22 treetop adventure courses and employs some 350 staff.

Mr Mayhew said: "Rebecca and I created Go Ape! as a lifestyle adventure rather than as a business. We aspired to be on-tree-preneurs rather than entrepreneurs.

"But it was a total surprise to us how much of an adventure growing a business can be. We love what we do and would encourage anyone who has a yearning to step out on their own to just do it.

"Taking that first step is the hardest. Now is always the right time to start, and if you can secure backing and make a venture work in tough economic conditions, then it can only be easier when the economy improves.

"Don't be one of those who looks back in years to come regretting that they never gave their dream a go."

HIGH WIRE: Tristram and Rebecca Mayhew of Go Ape!

Scents and historic sensibility

By **JAMES ALEXANDRE**
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KNOWN as the 'Indiana Jones of the perfume world', David Pybus is on a mission to bring fragrances of the past back to life.

David, 62, who won £80,000 backing from investors Peter Jones and Theo Paphitis when he appeared on TV's Dragons' Den, was inspired to capture and recreate historic essences while on his travels across the globe.

The alluring scent of the Egyptian queen Cleopatra, the aroma of the lost city of Pompeii and the mysticism of the Mayans are just some of the delights offered by his company Scents of Time. The modern-day alchemist and aromancer is based at Sandgate, near Folkestone, and has worked in the perfume industry for more than 30 years.

He said his collection was inspired by his combined love of "fragrance, travel, science, archaeology and history".

He said: "Basically, it has to have a story and a history, and preferably be linked to a globally known figure or event, such as Tutankhamen or the Titanic and the like.

"Then we put together what we've found using either formula or samples or scientific reconstruction, to make it into a fragrance which will work well in the modern age."

The scent of the blue lotus flower was used for the Cleopatra-inspired Nenufar fragrance as it was considered sacred by the pharaohs. Floral, herbal and spice spores in a preserved perfumer's garden in Pompeii make up Pixis, while a rare incense formula found in the Nile helped recreate the Tutankhamen-associated Ankh.

Mr Pybus, who studied chemistry at Nottingham University and has written books on the subject, said of his appearance before the Dragons three years ago: "It was a very long day, an emotional experience.

"Dragons' Den is very much like Christians thrown to the lions. I guess it makes good television. The fact I am a professional presenter helped – at least I wasn't speechless.

"I was very pleased to get a deal with Peter Jones and Theo Paphitis, whom I thought could really help me move the business."

He was on the same show as Levi Roots, whose family recipe Reggae Reggae sauce has made it on to supermarket shelves nationwide.

"Levi played his Reggae Reggae calypso to me first – while practising – and we got on really well together.

"He has gone on to have a £12 million business, but I think I've got the hottest bottle around."

The latest in the range to be launched is the Titanic-inspired Night Star, composed of the periodic elements hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon. Mr Pybus was inspired to set up Scents of Time when he heard a bag of perfumes was salvaged from the Titanic's wreck and many were intact.

However, out of respect for what happened on that fateful night in 1912 it was decided instead to use universal materials and focus on the future, looking to the next century.

He said: "The timeline goes from 1500BC to 2150AD, so we have 4,000 years of fragrances and more to come, hopefully one every year.

"Next year I'm doing the anointing oil of the kings and queens of Europe and, after that an Olympic fragrance ready for the Games in 2012. So, as they say, you ain't smelt nothing yet."

INSPIRATION: The Scents of Time range taps into 4,000 years of history to recreate its evocative fragrances

LOT OF BOTTLE: David Pybus impressed on TV's Dragons' Den

TIMELINE: David in an advertising shot for his perfume range

SUPERMARKET giant Tesco has opened a pioneering store near Maidstone, but shoppers can never darken its doors.

Nevertheless, the Aylesford site is laid out just like a normal store and used by Tesco staff pushing trolleys as they 'pick' purchases for the chain's growing number of online shoppers. It is one of two new 'dark stores' – as the grocery trade calls them – and Tesco plans to use these as prototypes for a series, opening at least one a year until 2014 when they are expected to have claimed a sixth of its total online business. The choice of Aylesford seems to underline perceptions that households in Kent and the south east generally – the other new dark store is at Croydon – have been quicker to embrace online grocery shopping.

Tesco receives 475,000 online orders and 3.4 million visitors weekly at its Tesco.com website, with goods delivered by a fleet of 2,000 vans. The new dark store at Aylesford store takes 8,000 orders weekly and has a staff of 500.

Two more 99p links in growing chain

BARGAIN-hunting Kent shoppers have been praised by the boss of the 99p Store chain ahead of opening two more outlets in the county next week.

Hussein Lalani said: "Kent is the best place in Britain for us, because people know a bargain when they see one."

Both new stores – in Folkestone and Bromley – are former Woolworths town centre outlets and are creating about 30 jobs each.

The company is feeding the bargain frenzy with Christmas offers and appearances by Santa and, based on other openings across the UK including a recent one at Ashford, said queuing could start as early as midnight for the new stores' first openings at 9am next day.

The new stores are the 125th and 126th UK 99p Stores.

The company was founded in 2001 and has averaged two openings a week lately and 50 so far this year – mostly ex-Woolies stores – and is eyeing other Kent sites.

99p stores quality products under a pound!

Co-founder and commercial director Mr Lalani suggested the company had not only taken over many Woolies sites but also the bankrupted chain's position in the public's affection.

"Woolworths started out as a sixpenny shop with everything at one price; we are the 21st century version," he said. "We feel proud to take over the mantle and consider ourselves custodians of the Woolworths brand."

By the end of next year 99p Stores expects to have more than 200 UK outlets managed from a base in Northants. It employs more than 3,000 people.

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Record results posted by GSE

RECORD results have been posted by the Ashford-based GSE construction group, with profits rising 26 per cent to £2.4 million.

The group, which employs 260 people across Kent, saw turnover grow by 6.4 per cent to £37m for the year ending December, 2008.

Turnover is now four times that of GSE's launch year in 2000 and it now has divisions specialising in design and build, civil engineering, land remediation/reclamation, haulage and plant hire – the latter now has a modern fleet worth £8m.

Turnover

The 2008 results were largely driven by GSE Building and Civil Engineering where turnover stayed stable at £14m, but pre-tax profits rose, while GSE Design and Build increased turnover by 70 per cent to £22m and pushed profits up significantly.

"These record-breaking results reflect the hard work put in across all our divisions," said group chairman Darrell Healey.

"It was important to record a strong performance in 2008 to put us in a position to weather what we all know to have been a tougher year for the construction industry in 2009.

"A lot of our success can be attributed to the fact that, across our divisions, we have expertise in all areas of construction and our different companies can often support each other on their projects.

"It's a very sustainable business model."

Getting an edge on 'milk round'

QUITTING a job in the City at the height of a recession might seem like madness, but Christina Breaden saw a window of business opportunity, ***writes Andy Rogers***.

She reckoned that this was the economic climate when school leavers, students and recent graduates needed most help with job applications. Having twice successfully negotiated the graduate 'milk round' herself and been involved with graduate recruitment at her last employer, her mind was made up after younger sister Ann-Louise's asked for advice on her own applications.

Her sister's friends then also started clamouring for help, so Horsmonden-based Christina realised she was onto something and the chance to fulfil a dream to run her own business.

She set up Idiom Edge in October, to target a gap in the market helping those with limited or no previous work experience to perform well at interviews and assessment centres, and create a strong CV based on academic and extra-curricular achievements.

The soundness of the idea has already been recognised by a major young entrepreneur scheme: she was second in the recent Shell Livewire Competition, also landing a £500 cash prize, which she is ploughing back into IdiomEdge, which uses the strapline 'Get the Edge. Get the Offer'.

"The prize money will enable upgrades to be made to the website," said Christina.

"I want to update the site with case studies of successes, client testimonials and more interactive and informative features.

"These are changes I believe will encourage more graduates to use the services we offer.

"Graduates are finding it really tough out there. Not only are there more graduates and fewer jobs than in recent years, but the increased pressure on careers services as a result of the higher demand they are facing means that graduates are receiving less time than they need, particularly focused, individual time.

"As such they really don't know how to put together all aspects of a strong application.

"This is shown in the quality of applications recruiters are receiving. One recently reported that only seven per cent of applications they received included covering letters that were well written and tailored to the specific role.

"Many individuals undersell themselves as they don't realise the value of the experiences they do have. If you played in a sports team or worked on stage design for a school play then you have demonstrated certain skills that employers are looking for – you just need to learn the best way of demonstrating these through your CV and at an interview."

ON THE EDGE: Christina Breaden is helping graduates negotiate the recruitment process

Christina hopes Idiom Edge can plug this gap and provide the additional help required to ensure graduates are putting their best foot forward during the application process.

"I have helped students and graduates with CVs, interviews, application forms and cover letters. Graduate assessment centres will soon be upon us and IdiomEdge will be there to provide graduates the opportunity to learn what to expect, practice exercises and receive feedback before the real thing."

Fired up by their potty idea

CRAVING a move to Thanet and the chance to start their own business really did drive Stuart and Teresa Illsley a bit 'potty'.

It led to the opening of Pick 'n' Paint a Pot in Northdown Road, Cliftonville – customers pick an item of pottery, which can painted, glazed and fired onsite for a bespoke creation.

Stuart said: "We've wanted to live in the area for some time and last summer while considering a move to east Kent and looking at properties, we hit upon the idea of buying a shop with flat above rather than a house.

"The shop was in a poor state, having been empty for some time. Most of the decorating we've done ourselves. It's taken a little longer but we've saved a good deal of money and enjoyed working on the project together.

"We've never run a shop before – my wife is a teacher and I'm a salesman – so it's been a steep learning curve."

Teresa said: "Our studio is simply a place to come and be creative, painting your own designs on to ready made ceramic pieces such as mugs and plates.

"People are free to walk in and start painting, but with space to accommodate more than 20, we also cater for groups, children's parties and schools."

In aggregate, a good waste of a road

ONE of the most eco-friendly roads in the country has been laid by Kent-based highways specialist FM Conway.

The new surface uses about 95 per cent recycled material and covers 700 metres of carriageway in Wimbledon, in the London Borough of Merton. FM Conway has its head office in Dartford and specialises in wet waste and aggregates recycling. MD Michael Conway said: "Contractors and manufacturers are working hard to offer authorities an environmentally-friendly approach to projects of this nature and ensure they address carbon footprint responsibilities."

Visionary tips from Caan of Dragons' Den

DRAGONS' Den entrepreneur James Caan is the guest speaker at next year's Kent 2020 Vision event.

Mr Caan is well-placed to pass on top tips for success to the Kent business community attending 2020 Vision on Thursday, April 22 – he and several other successful UK entrepreneurs sit in judgement as business wannabes pitch their ideas on the highly successful BBC television show.

JAMES CAAN: Guest speaker

He started his own rise to the top by founding a recruitment company in his 20s, which went on to be worth £130 million.

Mr Caan is now CEO of private equity firm Hamilton Bradshaw, with a combined turnover of more than £400m.

Carole Black, events manager of 2020 operator Business Link, said: "Having someone as successful as James Caan as our speaker is very exciting as he really is an inspirational figure in terms of his business achievements.

"Would-be entrepreneurs should make the most of this fantastic opportunity by booking a free place to attend."

Engineer heading team on compact Save-Fuel system

TECHNOLOGY aimed at cutting motoring fuel costs and emissions has been boosted by a new appointment at Canterbury-based Oil Drum.

The firm produces the Save-Fuel system, a compact unit attached to a truck or bus and driven by the vehicle's own power source. The retro-fit device reduces fuel consumption by producing and adding hydrogen before combustion to enhance efficiency.

This can cut fuel consumption by more than 10 per cent and reduce CO2 and hydrocarbon emissions to zero – a powerful tool in the battle against greenhouse gases and global warming.

The company now wants to miniaturise the system for cars and has appointed Gert De Kock, 29, to head the research team.

"The current version of the Save-Fuel system runs on a 24-volt system and when you come to fit it to HGVs, coaches or buses you have plenty of room to work with," he said.

"To be fitted to light vans and cars the system will have to work on 12 volts and we will have much less room.

"We will need to redesign the unit so it can fit in smaller spaces and scaling down the components is going to be the biggest challenge."

A graduate in engineering, Gert studied at the University of Greenwich and at Canterbury College where he also won the prestigious High Sheriff's Award for his final year project on hydrogen technology.

Oil Drum aims to have a Save-Fuel prototype for cars available next year. MD Darryl Watts said: "The work Gert is leading is a crucial next step in the development of Save-Fuel and the business itself.

"The system has proved a great success on large commercial vehicles and we are determined to replicate that for the light commercial and car market."

GERT DE KOCK: modifying Save-Fuel system for smaller vehicles

Former RAF station's payload for Our Boys

A PLANE load of Christmas gifts has taken off from Kent International to deliver festive cheer to British troops serving in Afghanistan, ***writes Andy Rogers***.

The thousands of parcels on board came from donations to the Support Our Soldiers charity.

Matt Clarke, chief executive for the airport at Manston, said: "We're proud of this airport's earlier role as an RAF base and many of the people working here are ex-service personnel. Support for the Armed Forces runs deep.

"These parcels will help boost morale and we are delighted to be playing a role in ensuring they arrive in time for Christmas."

Another Kent airport has announced that it will launch a new service to Jersey starting next summer. CI Travel Group plans to use Lydd Airport to open the first air link from there to the island for almost 20 years.

It will run on Saturdays from July 10 to September 11 and target an estimated 750,000 people living within a 60-minute drive of the airport.

The service will use 50-seat Fokker aircraft operated by CityJet and sold under CI Travel's Airways Holidays, Discover Jersey and Channel Islands Travel Service brands.

The company expects to lure custom from Gatwick through Lydd's greater onsite convenience. Travellers can park for free on the Jersey service and walk just 50 metres to check-in. CI Travel has confirmed it will continue its weekly Saturday summer (May 29-September 11) service from Kent International to Jersey, also using 50-seaters.

CHATHAM-based Netsite is celebrating the launch of a new website it created to promote a Welsh tourist attraction.

Location owner UPM Tilhill commissioned www.coedllandegla.com to market picturesque mountain bike and walking trails in Coed Llandegla forest, but needed easy online updating by the attraction's own staff.

Marketing chief Ruth Roy said: "We were really pleased with the customer service and project management and the website was completed on time and on budget. The effort Netsite made to ensure the site looked and felt right far exceeded my expectations."

Netsite's clients include the NHS, Kent Fire and Rescue, Crewsaver and Chatham Historic Dockyard.

MICHELSON Diagnostics is celebrating the first sale of its new cancer VivoSight scanning system.

The Orpington firm developed the high-resolution imaging, taken up by a Japanese company, and is now regarded as a leader in applying the technology to the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of cancer.

Chief executive Jon Holmes said: "We launched VivoSight in August and have seen a massive increase in the rate of inquiries, which are running at about five a week. Signs are the product is starting to fulfil its global potential."

FIRMS are urged to ensure they comply with fire safety regulations. The call by the National Security Inspectorate (NSI) follows a record 40 prosecutions by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service against firms failing to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, between October 2006 and October 2008.

UK fire services overall issued over 3,800 enforcement notices during the same period. The Fire Safety Order places responsibility on business owners to designate a 'responsible person' to carry out a fire risk assessment to identify potential hazards which should then be regularly reviewed. The responsible person is required to ensure fire protection measures, products and systems installed are fit for purpose, including fire detection and alarm systems.

THOSE who dream of running their own pub should seek expert help, especially when taking on a tenancy. Richard Horton, consultant on property law at Furley Page, said: "Pub chains want to trade profitably and might be tempted to ignore promises made in better times."

He also warned of rent review clauses worded in favour of the chain.

"If that dream of running an old thatched pub is still enticing, make sure you're armed with the facts," he added.

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OD: £1,030

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LEADERS: Faversham (in yellow) stayed on top, beating Sevenoaks 3-0 last weekend

Sevenoaks aim to steal a march on title rivals

KENT LEAGUE PREVIEW

SEVENOAKS will snatch third spot from Erith & Belvedere if they win at lowly Corinthian today, with all their title rivals in cup action.

While last weekend's 3-0 defeat at home to leaders Faversham Town was a tough pill to swallow, Oaks did not lose ground on the two sides immediately above them as Greenwich Borough sealed a tremendous 3-2 win against the Deres and Herne Bay did not play.

The day's only other league fixture pits the division's leakiest defences against each other. Both Fisher and Sporting Bengal have shipped 38 goals already and the hosts are particularly desperate for a win as Corinthian and Lordswood, the only teams beneath them, both have four games in hand.

The pick of the Kent Senior Trophy ties sees Hythe Town and Faversham cross swords at Reachfields for the third time this season.

Hythe knocked the Lilywhites out of the FA Cup on their way to a tie against Woking, but Justin Luchford's side gained their revenge with three league points a week later.

Tunbridge Wells and Herne Bay shared eight goals back in August, with Bay running out 5-3 winners, and manager Simon Halsey is looking to guide Bay to a third straight win today.

Bearsted, flying the flag for the Kent County League, travel to Greenwich, while two struggling sides clash at the Charles Sports Ground.

Hosts Deal Town were due to take on Norton Sports in the league a month ago, but the game was called off at 2.50pm, and the visitors will be keen to make sure their trip is a worthwhile one this time.

KENT LEAGUE FIXTURES

TODAY

(All games kick-off at 3pm unless otherwise stated):

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Corinthian v Sevenoaks Town; Fisher v Sporting Bengal United

KENT SENIOR TROPHY, SECOND ROUND: Beckenham Town v Holmesdale; Deal Town v Norton Sports; Erith Town v Lordswood; Greenwich Borough v Bearsted (1.30pm); Hythe Town v Faversham Town; Tunbridge Wells v Herne Bay

NON-LEAGUE PREVIEW By Steve Tervet

Clubs bid to scramble out of the danger zone

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

Bognor Regis Town v Margate

MARGATE manager Mark Butler is likely to name the same team that drew 2-2 with Harrow last Saturday, after Tuesday night's Championship Manager Cup tie at Sittingbourne was postponed.

The Blues' defensive problems have seen them ship more goals than basement club Bognor, with their only clean sheet on the road coming at Aveley back in August. The Rocks have won only once in 10 games and are seven points adrift of safety.

Cray Wanderers v Harrow Borough

CRAY'S recent resurgence has seen them climb out of the bottom four, with a superb 3-2 win at Hastings last Saturday their third consecutive league victory.

With six goals in their last two games, Wanderers go into the game full of confidence although Harrow's late comeback at Margate a week ago stretched their own unbeaten run to five games.

Dartford v Waltham Abbey

HAVING lost their proud unbeaten record to AFC Hornchurch last weekend, the Darts will be out to silence their critics with three points against struggling Waltham.

Tony Burman's side may have dropped five points from their last three home games, but their position at the pinnacle of the Ryman Premier is still one of overwhelming dominance – eight points clear with three games in hand.

Tonbridge Angels v Wealdstone

TOMMY Warrilow's Angels are looking to end a run of three league games without a win, and three points today could catapult them into the play-off positions.

With Paul Booth suspended, Steve Ferguson may start up front for the hosts, who are still without the injured Lewis Hamilton. Marc Cumberbatch is struggling with a groin problem but defender Scott Gooding is fit and should return.

RYMAN ONE SOUTH

Folkestone Invicta v Walton & Hersham

FOLKESTONE Invicta will be looking to extend not only their lead at the top of Ryman One South, but their unbeaten league run, which stands at 11 games. James Everitt is a doubt after tweaking a hamstring in the draw at Horsham YMCA, but long-term absentee Jimmy Dryden could feature.

Fourth-placed Walton have experienced mixed fortunes against the sides around them in recent weeks – thumped 5-1 at Worthing before an impressive 4-2 win at Croydon.

Picture: Margate: DAVE STEWART. Whitstable: PER LALENG

UNCHANGED: Margate (in blue) are likely to name the same team after Tuesday's cup game cancellation and Whitstable (left) need a win to climb out of the relegation places

Godalming Town v Whitstable Town

THE Oystermen's 3-0 defeat to fellow strugglers Chipstead on Tuesday saw them drop back into the bottom two and was their eighth straight league defeat on the road.

Kieran Morris, on loan from Margate, should replace Clint Gooding in midfield but Dean Grant has returned to Dover Athletic after finishing his loan spell at the Belmont.

Godalming's 1-0 home defeat to Croydon on Saturday was their first in eight outings.

Leatherhead v Ashford Town

ASHFORD, rock bottom of Ryman South, are without a win in nine and today will be their first game since a 3-0 reverse at Whitstable a fortnight ago.

Goalkeeper Scott Chalmers-Stevens plays for the first time since injuring his knee in October and striker Joe Fuller also returns after an ankle injury.

Leatherhead knocked the Nuts & Bolts out of the FA Cup in September but have failed to string results together in the league.

Ramsgate v Eastbourne Town

THE Rams are missing three of their most influential players, with captain Warren Schulz suffering a suspected dislocated shoulder at Burgess Hill, while Liam Quinn and James Gregory are both suspended.

Jim Ward's in-form side should still be too strong for struggling Eastbourne, though, with the Sussex outfit winless in their last six away games.

Sittingbourne v Fleet Town

GARY Abbott is down to the bare bones of his squad and will not have been too disappointed when Tuesday's game against Margate fell foul of the weather.

The Brickies boss welcomes back captain Joe Dowley after suspension but he has doubts over Matt Bourne and Nick Reeves as Bourne continue to search for consistency.

Fleet have won three of their last four and only goal difference is keeping them out of a play-off spot.

Walton Casuals v Chatham Town

HAVING suffered an extra-time FA Cup exit at the hands of the Casuals earlier this season, the Chats will be out to settle a score and re-ignite their play-off push.

Alex O'Brien's side have taken three points from a possible 18 and they are today without Ben Payne and John Wilfort through suspension. Captain Richard Avery returns from a ban but Matt Solly is a doubt after limping off at Tonbridge in midweek.

NON-LEAGUE FIXTURES

TODAY

(All games kick-off at 3pm unless otherwise stated):

FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND: Havant & Waterlooville v Dover Athletic; Maidstone United v Histon; Stevenage Borough v Ebbsfleet United; Welling United v Eastbourne Borough

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION: Bognor Regis Town v Margate; Cray Wanderers v Harrow Borough; Dartford v Waltham Abbey; Tonbridge Angels v Wealdstone

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Folkestone Invicta v Walton & Hersham; Godalming Town v Whitstable Town; Leatherhead v Ashford Town; Ramsgate v Eastbourne Town; Sittingbourne v Fleet Town; Walton Casuals v Chatham Town

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Shoulder injury in way of Qadir's ABA title bid

Boxer only 50/50 to be fit for semi-final in Aldershot

HEARTACHE: Hemin Qadir with coaches Billy Hall (left) and Gerry Rowbottom, is in a race against time to recover from shoulder injury

By DAVID PRITCHARD

HEMIN Qadir's shot at a national light welterweight title was in doubt last night as the fighter struggled to shake off a shoulder injury.

The 23-year-old from Tunbridge Wells picked up the problem in last weekend's ABA quarter-final win against John Blake.

His semi-final bout is this afternoon, but with only a week between fights, Qadir could be forced to withdraw.

Billy Hall, who trains Qadir at Rusthall Boxing Club, has the final decision on whether the fight goes ahead and rated the chances of fighting as only 50/50 earlier this week.

He said: "He's the kind of kid who'll say his arm's okay when it isn't. In boxing you can get seriously hurt if you're not 100 per cent – a coach's priority is the welfare of the boxer. It would be a shame to pull out after getting this far, but fingers crossed he'll be okay. Maybe with two or three days rest the injury will heal."

Qadir injured himself during the first round of last weekend's fight in Southampton, but was able to change his tactics to accommodate for the problem.

He won three of the four rounds against his opponent from Essex to reach the last four in the Class B competition.

Today he is due to fight at the army's boxing headquarters in Aldershot for a place in the national final.

Qadir will take on the winner from the London and Combined Forces competitions in the toughest bout of his amateur career.

Skipper has eyes on top-four finish

SEVENOAKS HOCKEY ROUND-UP

JAMIE Nelson is targeting a top-four finish when Sevenoaks men's 1st XI return to league action in the New Year, despite a disappointing first half to their season.

The Oaks captain admitted his side's 2-0 defeat at Oxted in their last league fixture of 2009 had hurt the players, although last Sunday's 7-0 Kent Cup win over Old Williamsonians should go some way to easing the pain over the winter break.

Sevenoaks sit seventh in Conference East at the halfway stage of the campaign, although victory in Surrey would have taken them fifth, ahead of both Oxted and Harleston Magpies.

Nelson said: "I've got mixed feelings about our season, we made a poor start losing our first four games, but we then went on a good run and put in much better performances.

"Losing at Oxted was a downer as we were hoping for a win as we were in good form, but they're a difficult side to break down.

"Our aim is to get up to fourth in the league and we feel that's very much attainable. We want to get into a position where we're no longer looking over our shoulder."

In Nelson's absence, a hat-trick from player-coach Pete Turner saw Oaks steam past Williamsonians after a nervy first-half, and Oaks' cup exploits will continue in 2010 when they will face either Belper or University of Birmingham in the EHA Cup quarter-final.

Nelson said: "It was nice to have the cup game to get the Oxted result out of our system. Williamsonians were resilient for 35 minutes but then our fitness and quality showed through."

The ladies' 1st XI, who began their Indoor League campaign against East Grinstead on Thursday night, host Maidstone at Hollybush Lane today, with push-back at 1.30pm.

SEVENOAKS HOCKEY FIXTURES

TODAY

MEN: BBHC 1st XI v Sevenoaks 2nd XI; Sevenoaks 3rd XI v BBHC 2nd XI (12pm); New Beccehamian 2nd XI v Sevenoaks 4a XI (12pm); Folkestone v Sevenoaks 4th XI (1.15pm); Ashford v Sevenoaks 5th XI (1pm); Sevenoaks 6th XI v Cobdown 2nd XI

LADIES Sevenoaks 1st XI v Maidstone 1st XI (1.30pm); Crostyx 1st XI v Sevenoaks 2nd XI (1.30pm); Oxted 1st XI v Sevenoaks 3A XI (12pm); Sevenoaks 3rd XI v Upminster 1st XI (1.30pm); Sevenoaks 4th XI v Sevenoaks 3A XI (10.30am); Reigate Priory 3rd XI v Sevenoaks 5th XI (1pm)

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

AIM: Sevenoaks can finish in the top four of Conference East, according to captain Jamie Nelson

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

PROMOTION BID: Tunbridge Wells ladies

Ladies aiming to finish year on a high note

TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOCKEY ROUND-UP

TUNBRIDGE Wells ladies hope to head into the winter break on a high by securing back-to-back wins for the first time this season.

Jen Hunt's side kept their East Women's League Division One South promotion hopes alive with a narrow 2-1 win at basement side Brentwood last week.

However, this afternoon they face a tougher test against fourth-placed St Albans as they bid to continue their winning run.

St Albans have won twice as many games as Tunbridge Wells this season, but the two sides are only separated by four points.

With the league entering a winter break next week, Wells, who are fifth in the league, will be eager to end the first half of the season on a positive note.

The men's 1st XI are slowly creeping into the title race in Kent/Sussex Two following a 1-0 win against Mid Sussex last weekend, courtesy of a Callum Wood strike.

The victory moved Jamie Harfoot's side into seventh position in the division, four points behind Folkestone, who are their opponents this afternoon. A win for Wells could move them up to as high as fifth in the league table.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOCKEY FIXTURES

TODAY

MEN: Folkestone 1st XI v Tunbridge Wells 1st XI, Tunbridge Wells 2nd XI v Folkestone 2nd XI, Holcombe 4th XI v Tunbridge Wells 3rd XI, Tunbridge Wells 4th XI v Cobdown 1st XI

LADIES: St Albans 2nd XI v Tunbridge Wells 1st XI, Tunbridge Wells 2nd XI v Gillingham Anchorians 1st XI, Tunbridge Wells 5th XI v Faversham 1st XI

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MISSING: Arek Deng won't play today

Injuries are dark cloud for final clash of 2009

UWIC Archers v Sevenoaks Suns

TIP-OFF 4PM UWIC SPORTS HALL

SEVENOAKS Suns' women travel to Cardiff to play UWIC in their last league fixture of 2009 today with coach Len Busch missing at least five regular players.

Busch admitted any sort of result would be a bonus, given the squad at his disposal, and declared himself satisfied with the Suns' performance in their opening 10 games.

Two straight wins, against London Heathrow Acers and London Mets, have lifted Sevenoaks to sixth in Division One of the English Basketball League after a run of four defeats threatened to derail their season.

Busch said: "The worst we can finish this year is five [wins] and five [defeats], and if you'd offered me that at the start of the season I'd have taken it.

"I think we're going to be in trouble against UWIC – we're missing Arek Deng, Andrea Wanstall and Christine Lewis plus three of our best under-18 players. UWIC are a tough side anyway, so if we're competitive and come back in one piece, I'll be happy."

Sevenoaks return to league action on January 17 when Brixton – beaten by the Suns on the opening day of the season – provide the opposition.

The Suns' men take to the court for the first time in seven weeks when they travel to face Essex Pirates II in Division Four this afternoon. Tip-off at the Southend Tennis & Leisure Centre is at 4pm.

There's no Larkin about this season

Wells spring surprise after hard-fought draw at Hythe

By GLENN PEARSON

Tunbridge Wells v Herne Bay

KICK-OFF 3PM AT CULVERDEN STADIUM

LAST weekend's draw at the notoriously difficult Reachfields Stadium proves just how far Tunbridge Wells have come under the stewardship of manager Martin Larkin.

The Wells drew 0-0 with Hythe Town – a side that had soundly beaten them over two legs in the Kent League Premier Division Cup earlier in the season – with Larkin's side having enough chances to win the game.

Disciplined

Despite having a young and inexperienced side at Kent League level, Larkin has managed to find players from the Tunbridge Wells area that are disciplined and eager to learn.

The Wells boss set his side up to play without width on one side to cater for the dangerous Dave Cook at Hythe last week and the tactic worked, as Town's best player was unable to exert his usual influence on the game.

"They beat us twice earlier in the season, so it was important to change things around," Larkin said. "They play a tight midfield with Dave Cook given a free role, so we adapted the side and were happy with the performance. Reachfields is the hardest place to go and can be quite intimidating so we were very happy to come away with a point against a very good side."

Tunbridge Wells take on Herne Bay in the second round of the Kent Senior Trophy this afternoon. With Bay contesting for the title in the Premier Division, it's questionable whether their manager Simon Halsey will put out a full strength side, but it represents another testing challenge for the home side.

Larkin said: "They are an excellent side that are very good going forward. They have talent in midfield in Darren Marsden, while Luke Harvey is exceptional up front, he destroyed us earlier in the season, so we will have to be careful about how we play him."

The Wells will give a full debut to midfielder Tom Davey, who made the move from Ryman League side Chatham Town in midweek, although not at the expense of in-form central midfield duo Andy McMath and Sam Phillips.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

IN-FORM: Tunbridge Wells midfielder Sam Phillips is likely to retain his place today

RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Dartford	16	13	2	1	48	12	+36	41
2 Hastings United	19	10	3	6	31	26	+5	33
3 Kingstonian	18	10	1	7	36	33	+3	31
4 Canvey Island	18	8	4	6	26	21	+5	28
5 Horsham	16	8	3	5	30	22	+8	27
6 Tooting & Mitcham	17	8	3	6	27	23	+4	27
7 Ashford Town (Mx)	19	7	5	7	32	35	-3	26
8 Sutton United	17	8	1	8	27	19	+8	25
9 Tonbridge Angels	**18**	**7**	**4**	**7**	**31**	**31**	**0**	**25**
10 Boreham Wood	17	7	3	7	20	18	+2	24
11 Wealdstone	13	6	5	2	18	16	+2	23
12 Harrow Borough	17	6	5	6	27	26	+1	23
13 Maidstone United	18	6	5	7	22	24	-2	23
14 AFC Hornchurch	17	6	4	7	20	22	-2	22
15 Carshalton Athletic	17	6	4	7	28	32	-4	22
16 Aveley	16	6	3	7	32	30	+2	21
17 Cray Wanderers	19	6	3	10	24	36	-12	21
18 Hendon	16	5	3	8	22	28	-6	18
19 Margate	16	5	3	8	21	32	-11	18
20 Waltham Abbey	18	4	5	9	21	34	-13	17
21 Billericay Town	15	3	6	6	10	18	-8	15
22 Bognor Regis Town	17	2	5	10	14	29	-15	11

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	14	11	2	1	35	10	25	35
2 Herne Bay	12	8	1	3	31	21	10	25
3 Erith & Belvedere	13	8	0	5	27	25	2	24
4 Sevenoaks Town	**13**	**6**	**3**	**4**	**28**	**23**	**5**	**21**
5 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	25	9	16	19
6 Beckenham Town	12	6	1	5	20	12	8	19
7 Tunbridge Wells	**14**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**25**	**22**	**3**	**19**
8 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	25	18	7	18
9 Greenwich Borough	13	5	3	5	22	23	-1	18
10 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	21	25	-4	16
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	12	4	2	6	25	38	-13	14
12 Norton Sports	11	4	1	6	13	15	-2	13
13 Holmesdale	13	4	1	8	21	26	-5	13
14 Fisher	15	3	2	10	20	38	-18	11
15 Corinthian	11	2	3	6	13	25	-12	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	7	28	-21	3

Jones to appeal Town sending off

Corinthian v Sevenoaks Town

KICK-OFF 3PM AT GAY DAWN FARM

SIMON Jones says he will appeal against the red card he was shown during Sevenoaks Town's 3-0 defeat to Faversham last Saturday, claiming it was, "a blatant case of mistaken identity."

Jones, the Sevenoaks manager, was walking back to the dug out after treating a player on the far side of the pitch at Greatness Park, when he was accused by the linesman of foul and abusive language and asked to leave the field by the referee.

"A spectator, to be polite, was questioning his vision," Jones said. "We weren't happy with some of his decisions, but I'm a qualified referee myself – I referee every weekend – and I wouldn't have used that kind of language. The spectator owned up and said it was him, but the referee told me he had to act on the information he was given."

Town captain Danny Ward was one of 10 players booked during the game and will miss today's trip to Corinthian as a result, having got a suspension for collecting five bookings.

Jamie Johnson comes straight back into the squad after being unavailable last week and Jones hopes to sign one or two players in time for the game at Gay Dawn Farm.

Jones says Corinthian are a far stronger side than their league position - second from bottom - suggests.

"We beat them 3-1 a few weeks ago but I thought they were one of the best sides we've had at Sevenoaks," Jones said. "They took the lead and they've since beaten Greenwich and Tunbridge Wells. They're a young side with energy who move the ball quickly, they won't be as reliant as Faversham were on the long ball and the counter-attack."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

APPEAL: Simon Jones (left) was sent off during last Saturday's defeat to Faversham

Trip to Gravesend next up for Wells

Hathaway's side at full strength for league leaders

By GLENN PEARSON

Gravesend RFC v Tunbridge Wells RFC

KICK-OFF 2.15PM AT RECTORY FIELD

TUNBRIDGE Wells travel to Gravesend this afternoon hoping to become just the second team to inflict defeat on the runaway London 1 South leaders.

The two sides met earlier in the season with Gravesend coming out on top in a 34-7 win, but the Wells are a different side these days having won four of their last five games.

Challenge

A 16-7 victory against basement side Aylesford Bulls last weekend lifted head coach Paul Hathaway's side up to 10th in the division, but this afternoon's trip to north Kent is likely to be an altogether stiffer challenge.

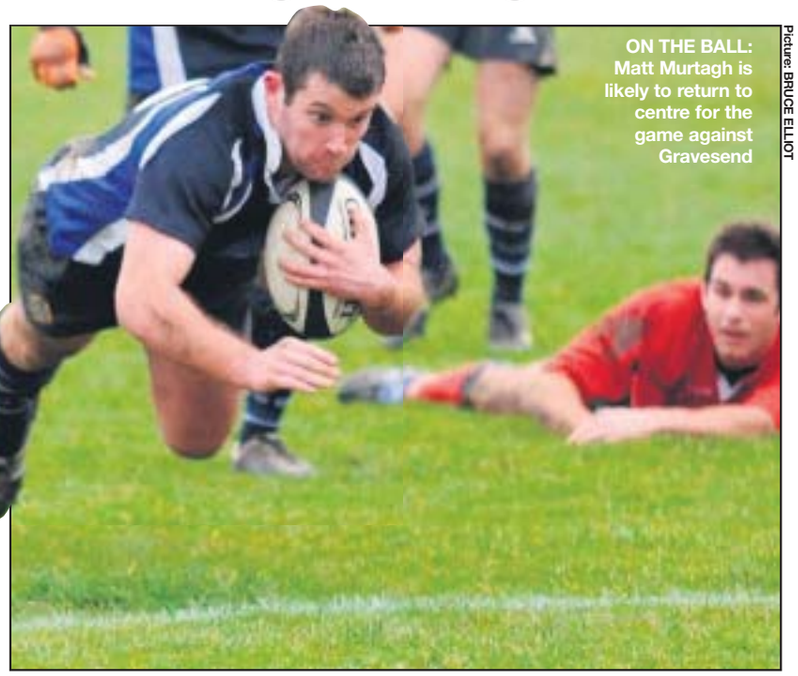
The home side won their opening nine games of the season before tasting defeat for the one and only time this campaign against Cobham in October. The division's leaders have put that behind them, having won their last four fixtures including a 17-5 win at Old Elthamians last weekend.

The Wells are likely to be at full strength for this afternoon's clash with chairman Roger Clarke warning that his side's front row will have to be on their game if they are to get anything out of the match.

"We have to make sure our defence works well on the day," he said. "I think we have the team to close them down a bit and on our day if we can come out with the right attitude, we can beat most teams in this league. Gravesend have a strong pack, so we are going to have to produce the goods in the front five. We have the backs in the side that can cause them problems."

Although Matt Murtagh, a full-back by trade, scored all of Tunbridge Wells' points as an emergency fly-half last Saturday, he is likely to return to centre this afternoon, with Ollie Smith taking his place. Stuart Moreton is likely to feature in the backs, while Tom Hathaway has returned from university in time to play at number eight.

The club's first choice fly-half, Ollie Rogers, is expected to be unavailable due to commitments as the head of rugby at Maidstone Grammar School, but it's hopeful he will make his first appearance of the season at home to Maidstone next weekend.



ON THE BALL: Matt Murtagh is likely to return to centre for the game against Gravesend

Picture: BRUCE ELLIOT

Cranes go out to prove a point

Gillingham Anchorians RFC v Cranbrook RFC

KICK-OFF 2.30PM AT DARLAND AVENUE

BUTCHERS usually have their hands full at this time of year, but Cranbrook's Andy Clarke was so upset by last week's 22-24 loss to Dartfordians he decided to take this afternoon off and take out his frustrations on Gillingham Anchorians.

"He'd usually be busy in the run-up to Christmas but he was so annoyed he decided to make himself available," director of rugby Mike Catt explained.

The Cranes could field an unchanged side for the Kent 1 game, although Dave Anthony is available again.

Motivation won't be a problem for the Cranes, whose felt a sense of injustice after pushing the league leaders so close last week.

With the first-team pitch waterlogged, the game went ahead on the second-team's pitch and despite having the worst of the conditions, the Cranes led an unbeaten Dartfordians side 19-7 at the break, after tries from Rory Gower, Tom Brooks and Clarke.

However, a Miles Harvey penalty was all they had to show for the second-half as a string of penalties, including a decisive penalty try just five minutes from time, tilted the contest Dartfordians way.

"Even their coaches said we were robbed," Catt said. "I don't like to criticise officials because we need them, but in 30 years of playing rugby I've never seen a referee affect a game so much.

"We couldn't even talk to him afterwards, not even the skipper. We haven't won at Anchorians for years but the lads are so up for it this week we might spring a surprise."

RIGHTING A WRONG: Cranbrook take on Gillingham Anchorians this afternoon

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Peckham aim for top

EAST Peckham go into today's Merit Table A clash with Medway knowing that a heavy win over the division's bottom side could lift them to the top of the table.

Sevenoaks, who occupy first place, are playing a friendly today, meaning if the Villagers win at Putlands and pick up enough bonus points, they'll leapfrog the Oaks ahead of next week's crucial game with the leaders at Knole Paddock.

Peckham won 43-0 at Old Gravesendians last week, despite arriving with just 13 men. Gravesend loaned Peckham a winger and came to regret their generosity. Steve Guthrie kicked 18 points and there were tries from Will Russell, Danny Baker (2) and Tim Shave, who like Brian Robinson, was playing his 100th match for the club.

RUGBY LEAGUE TABLES

LONDON 1 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Gravesend	13	12	0	1	336	130	206	24
2 Dover	13	10	1	2	324	178	146	21
3 Cobham	13	10	0	3	311	172	139	20
4 Chichester	13	8	0	5	249	144	105	16
5 Sidcup	13	7	0	6	256	205	51	14
6 Old Colfeians	13	7	0	6	282	237	45	14
7 Chobham	13	7	0	6	290	267	23	14
8 Wimbledon	13	6	0	7	223	252	-29	12
9 Beckenham	13	6	0	7	224	254	-30	12
10 Tunbridge Wells	**13**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**213**	**287**	**-74**	**12**
11 Thanet Wanderers	13	5	1	7	208	262	-54	11
12 Old Elthamians	13	5	0	8	231	234	-3	10
13 Maidstone	13	1	0	12	111	433	-322	2
14 Aylesford Bulls	13	0	0	13	130	333	-203	-2

LONDON 2 SOUTH EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Tonbridge Juddian	**10**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**490**	**83**	**407**	**20**
2 Hove	10	8	1	1	305	99	206	17
3 Sevenoaks	**10**	**7**	**0**	**3**	**256**	**269**	**-13**	**14**
4 Warlingham	10	6	1	3	302	132	170	13
5 Lewes	10	6	0	4	170	204	-34	12
6 Old Reigatian	10	5	1	4	178	198	-20	11
7 KCS Old Boys	10	5	1	4	180	206	-26	11
8 Deal & Betteshanger	10	4	0	6	167	160	7	8
9 Old Dunstonians	10	3	0	7	123	310	-187	6
10 Bromley	10	2	0	8	165	269	-104	4
11 Purley John Fisher	10	2	0	8	147	260	-113	4
12 Eastbourne	10	0	0	10	79	372	-293	0

KENT 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Dartfordians	10	10	0	0	280	84	196	20
2 Sittingbourne	10	6	1	3	223	150	73	13
3 Vigo	10	6	1	3	190	135	55	13
4 Cranbrook	**10**	**6**	**0**	**4**	**221**	**151**	**70**	**12**
5 Guys	10	6	0	4	245	185	60	12
5 Gillingham Anch	9	6	0	3	195	139	56	12
6 Beccehamian	10	4	0	6	136	244	-108	8
7 Ashford	9	3	1	5	167	149	18	7
8 Old Olavians	10	3	1	6	138	204	-66	7
9 Erith	10	4	0	6	100	224	-124	6
10 HSBC	10	2	0	8	132	212	-80	4
11 Sheppey	10	1	0	9	115	265	-150	2

FULL STEAM AHEAD: Sevenoaks are ready for action against Old Dunstonians today

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Coach says Oaks are on the up

Old Dunstonians RFC v Sevenoaks RFC

KICK-OFF 2.30PM LANGLEY PARK

MORALE is sky-high in the Sevenoaks camp ahead of a crucial couple of London 2 South fixtures, according to coach James Leverington.

Oaks travel to Old Dunstonians this afternoon before promotion rivals Hove arrive in town next weekend.

"Confidence is our 16th man and belief is our 17th," Leverington said. "We have trained well, prepared well and fear no team in this league."

Sevenoaks have virtually a full squad to select from to face a Dunstonians side that sits ninth in the table, having lost seven and won three of their games to date.

They were beaten 18-9 at Deal & Betteshanger last week, but showed they are capable of springing an upset by defeating Lewes 31-15 the week before.

The Oaks made it five straight victories in all competitions by beating Warlingham 17-9 last week, lifting themselves to third in the table.

They tore into the visitors from the off and Simon Tree touched down after just two minutes, with Matt Bates converting to give them a 7-0 lead.

Warlingham hit back with a penalty and Sevenoaks missed with a kick off their own, but even when reduced to 14 men due to a yellow card for retaliation, they restored their seven-point cushion with a Bates penalty.

Tree exploited a stretched defence to score his second try and Bates converted, though Warlingham kicked a penalty just before the interval.

A further penalty for Warlingham was the only score in the second-half, meaning the Oaks have now gone three games without conceding a try.

TJ's coach in call to run Old Boys ragged

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

NO PUSHOVER: Tonbridge Juddians had a tough match at Old Reigatians last week

Tonbridge Juddians v KCS Old Boys

KICK-OFF 2.15PM AT THE SLADE

OPEN, running rugby should be on the agenda this afternoon when Tonbridge Juddians host KCS Old Boys in London 2 South East, looking to extend their 100 per cent record.

Logan Oliver, who was knocked out in last week's 25-6 win at Old Reigatians, is rested, but TJs are otherwise at full strength.

"He was sparked out for three or four minutes, so we can't risk him, but we've no other injuries," said head coach Steve Farr.

After a dour win at Reigatians, Farr expects a more attractive game today.

"We don't know a lot about them, just that they're a team of Old Boys so they'll have a fairly open attitude. They'll want to play rugby, which will be better for us."

TJs trailed 6-3 at half-time last week, on a boggy Reigate surface, though Farr said the conditions weren't a major factor.

"It was a tough start. They were well organised, particularly at the breakdown," he said. "It was damp and dark but the fact was they were massively up for it and we weren't quite so up for it. We normally take a bit of a hit in the first 10 minutes, but they came at us for half an hour."

Reigatians took the lead on 30 minutes with a penalty, but Wessels Wolmarans quickly equalised.

A second penalty clipped the bar on its way over to give the Surrey side a lead at the break, but Neil Meyer scored from short range to crown a period of intense TJs pressure at the start of the second-half.

Wolmarans converted and Pete Jennings and Hayden O'Toole then set Meyer up for a second try. Wolmarans' conversion made it 17-6 and he then added a penalty before Chandler dived over in the corner to complete the victory.

"Our defence was really strong," Farr said. "We've played 160 minutes against Reigatians this season and they've only had two penalties to show for it."

The club's under-12s take on Marlow, Beaconsfield and Drifters in the Wasps Cup this afternoon, with a possible trip to Twickenham at stake for the finalists.

ANGELS NEED A FAST FORWARD

Fergy to inject pace in Tonbridge attack

By GLENN PEARSON

Tonbridge Angels v Wealdstone

KICK-OFF 3PM AT LONGMEAD STADIUM

STEVE Ferguson could play as an emergency striker for this afternoon's visit of play-off challengers Wealdstone as Tonbridge Angels boss Tommy Warrilow looks for an injection of pace up front.

The Angels are without a league win in three games, a run that has seen Tonbridge drop down to ninth in the Ryman Premier, although victory this afternoon could propel Warrilow's side back up to the play-off places.

The side will have to do that without striker Paul Booth who begins the first of his two-game suspension for a red card picked up at Canvey Island last month, while Lewis Hamilton is definitely out with a hip injury.

Having used former AFC Wimbledon winger Steve Ferguson as a striker in the midweek win against Chatham Town in the League Cup, Warrilow will consider using the Scot up front alongside leading scorer Carl Rook for today's clash.

"I have had Jamie Cade up there, but he is better playing off the front two and Fergy has played up there for Wimbledon and I was just trying to get a bit of pace up front," he said.

"We'll see, it gives us something to think about and although it was fluent on Tuesday night, it wasn't the worst. It's another option, I have tried to juggle things around so we'll have a look at that."

A groin strain saw defender Marc Cumberbatch limp out of the game in midweek, which the Angels won 2-0 with goals from Carl Rook and Tom Bryant, making him doubtful for today's clash.

It's been a recurrent theme of Tonbridge's season, struggling to play the same side every week, but it's something Warrilow admits they have to get used to.

"[Cumberbatch] looks to be doubtful but Scott Gooding looks like he will be available, which is again one out, one in.

"To have them all fit and available would be a nice situation to be in, but that's not an excuse. The players that I put on the pitch are capable of performing and we haven't."

Wealdstone arrive at Longmead in 11th position and two points behind the Angels, but an FA Cup run which was ended in a 3-2 defeat to League Two side Rotherham in the first round, means they have five games in hand on a number of sides around them.

Gordon Bartlett's side are likely to be challenging for a play-off spot towards the end of the season, although they were thrashed 5-0 by Sutton in their last league fixture.

Warrilow said: "They are a big side and it's always hard so we need to raise our game. It would be nice to get back-to-back wins with Wealdstone and Harrow Borough coming here, but that's not going to be easy.

"We have made our own bed, so we are going to have to lay in it. We need to get some points on the table."

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WING MAN: Tommy Warrilow (inset) looks set to pick Steve Ferguson as a makeshift striker for today's game

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